



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Friday, August 15, 2025 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife  
Commission Room  
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

### **COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT & 2025-27 LEGISLATIVELY APPROVED BUDGET UPDATE**

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

### **SAGE GROUSE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY**

Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator

Skyler Vold, Sage Grouse Conservation Coordinator

### **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

*Commission Action: Rule Ratification*

Debbie Colbert, Director

#### **1.) 635-041-0072**

##### **Allow Sale of Warmwater Species Caught in Columbia River Treaty Indian Research Fishery**

Adopted: 7/17/2025 Effective Date: 7/21/2025 through 9/7/2025

This amended rule provides state authorization of sales of yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, and northern pikeminnow caught in a new Treaty Indian research fishery in several backwater areas and sloughs of the John Day Pool to reflect recent tribal action to open this fishery.

#### **2.) 635-004-0275**

##### **Federal Actions Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/21/2025 Effective Date: 7/21/2025 through 12/31/2025

This amended rule adopts in-season actions previously adopted by the federal government for 2025 Pacific Coast Limited Entry Fixed Gear and Open Access commercial groundfish fisheries, including, but not limited to, catch limit increases for sablefish.

**3.) 635-004-0585**

**Adopt Federal Rule for Commercial Pacific Halibut Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/22/2025 Effective Date: 7/22/2025 through 7/24/2025

This amended rule adopts the federal rules published in the federal register on July 22, 2025 for the 2025 Pacific halibut directed commercial fishery to add a fishing period, July 22 through July 24, 2025, with a fishing period catch limit of 5,000 pounds (2.3 metric tons) dressed weight, per vessel. This action is intended to provide opportunity to achieve the 2025 non-Tribal directed commercial fishery allocation.

**4.) 635-041-0076**

**Authorize Sales in Treaty Commercial Summer Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/23/2025 Effective Date: 7/24/2025 through 7/31/2025

This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in the following treaty fisheries:

- Gillnet fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from July 24 through July 26, and
- Gillnet fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from July 28 through July 31.

Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 23, 2025.

**5.) 635-041-0045, 635-041-0075**

**Authorize Sales for Columbia River Treaty Commercial Fall Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/30/2025 Effective Date: 8/1/2025 through 12/31/2025

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in treaty fisheries:

- Platform and hook-and-line fisheries in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from August 1 through December 31.
- Platform and hook-and-line fisheries downstream from Bonneville Dam from August 1 through October 31.
- Yakama Nation tributary fisheries from August 1 through December 31.

**6.) 635-023-0130**

**Columbia River Recreational Fall-Season Salmon/Steelhead Regulations**

Adopted: 7/31/2025 Effective Date: 8/1/2025 through 12/31/2025

This amended rule sets the Columbia River recreational salmon/steelhead fisheries from August 1 through December 31. This rule also closes angling in portions of the mainstem Columbia River adjacent to the mouths of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes River, and that portion of Herman Creek and Lagoon within the Columbia River Zone through September 15.

**7.) 635-017-0090**

**Allow Use of Two-Rod Validation Upstream of Willamette Falls in Certain Areas**

Adopted: 7/31/2025 Effective Date: 8/1/2025 through 12/31/2025

This amended rule will allow use of two rods while angling in specific areas of the Willamette Zone upstream of Willamette Falls that are open to the retention of coho salmon.

**8.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180**

**Set Select Area Fall-Season Commercial Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/31/2025 Effective Date: 8/1/2025 through 12/31/2025

These rules implement the 2025 fall-season Select Area commercial fisheries in Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough, Tongue Point/South Channel, and Deep River. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 23.

**9.) 635-021-0090**

**Modifications to the Thief Valley Reservoir in the Southeast Zone**

Adopted: 7/31/2025 Effective Date: 8/1/2025 through 9/30/2025

Effective August 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025, minimum and maximum size limits, as well as the daily and possession bag limits for rainbow trout and bass are suspended for the SE Zone water body known as Thief Valley Reservoir located in Union County, Oregon. Harvest will be allowed by hand, dip net, or angling. A person with a valid Two-Rod Validation may use any number of rods.

**10.) 635-042-0010, 625-042-0031**

**Set Mainstem Columbia River Fall-Season Commercial Fisheries**

Adopted: 7/31/2025 Effective Date: 8/4/2025 through 10/31/2025

These rules implement 2025 fall-season Columbia River mainstem (early-fall gillnet, pound net, and seine) fisheries. The following fisheries are addressed by these rules: Columbia River Early Fall (Zones 4-5), beach and purse seine (Zones 1-3), and pound net (Zones 1-2).

**11.) 635-039-0090**

**Inclusions and Modifications**

Adopted: 8/7/2025 Effective Date: 8/8/2025 through 10/26/2025

This amended rule corrects the recreational bag limits and harvest limits for the bottom fish fisheries, including the long-leader fishery. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 13, 2024.

**12.) 635-039-0085**

**Halibut Seasons**

Adopted: 8/11/2025 Effective Date: 8/11/2025 through 9/30/2025

This amended rule will authorize opening the Columbia River subarea all-depth fishery Sundays through Fridays August 16 through September 30 only (closed on Saturdays). If the quota is attained prior to the season end date, that subarea may close early if other subareas are projected to reach or exceed their allocation.

**13.) 635-041-0075**

**Fall Salmon Seasons**

Adopted: 8/13/2025 Effective Date: 8/18/2025 through 12/31/2025

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty commercial gillnet fisheries. Open fishing periods are from August 18 through August 21, August 25 through August 30, and September 1 through September 6. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on August 12.

**14.) 635-039-0090**

**Inclusions and Modifications**

Adopted: 8/13/2025 Effective Date: 8/18/2025 through 10/26/2025

This rule reduces the recreational bag limit from five fish per angler to four fish per angler for the traditional bottom fish fishery, as harvest limits for both black rockfish and canary rockfish are projected to be exceeded if the bag limit remains at five fish. A bag limit reduction from five to four during the month of August decreases the risk of (1) an early season closure or (2) a three-fish bag limit. During the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on December 13, 2024, staff cautioned that an in-season bag limit reduction could be necessary based on pre-season models and lower harvest limits for both black rockfish and canary rockfish.

## COMMISSION UPDATES

*No Commission Action: Informational Only*

## OTHER BUSINESS

### PUBLIC FORUM

***This part of the agenda is for comments of any topic except those related to exhibits involving rulemaking or Commission approval listed elsewhere on this agenda.***

Please [REGISTER](#) with the ODFW Director's Office before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, August 13 (at least 48 hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

*Changing Oregon's classification of Opossum to remove them from the invasive species list*

*Jany Gonzalez*

*Jeanine Comstock*

*Jonathan Schalck*

*Loren*

*Meagan Kemp*

### EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from June 13 and July 11, 2025.

*Commission Action: Approval of Minutes*

### EXHIBIT B: 2025 SAGE-GROUSE CONTROLLED HUNT PERMIT NUMBERS

The Commission will be asked to approve sage grouse permit numbers for 2025

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator

Skyler Vold, Sage Grouse Conservation Coordinator

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### EXHIBIT C: AMEND RULES REGULATING THE IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, CONFINEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND SALE OF NON-NATIVE WILDLIFE

The Commission will be asked to approve amendments to rules regulating the importation, possession, confinement, transportation and sale of non-native wildlife.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Keith DeHart, Invasive Species & Wildlife Integrity Coordinator

Public Comment period for this agenda item ended June 20, 2025

## **ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Award Presentation begins at 11:00 AM

Debbie Colbert, Director

Mary Wahl, Commission Chair

### **Individual Awards**

Andrew Meyers

Claresa Roberson

Luis Escobar

Jorden Smith

Jacob Dittel

Eric Hammonds

Darrell Griffiths

Beth Quillian

Lynn Mattes

### **Director's Choice Individual Award**

Aubree Perrenoud

### **Manager Mentor**

Cameron Sharpe

### **DEI Award (Diversity Equity and Inclusion)**

Gway Rogers-Kirchner

### **Team Award: Mule Deer Management Plan revision**

#### **TEAM**

Josh Smith

Don Whittaker

Darren Clark

Colin Gillin

Jeremy Thompson

Philip Milburn

Derek Broman

Joy Lovett

Camilla Kennedy

Michelle Dennehy

Adam Baylor

Bob Swingle

Yvonne Shaw

### **Team Award: WHART - Oregon Wildlife Human Attack Response Team**

Jennifer Ringo

Steve Niemela

Paul Atwood

Phillip Perrine

Mathew Vargas

Jamie Bowles

Colin Gillin

Brian Wolfer

Sgt Ryan Tague (OSP)

Lt Tim Schwartz (OSP)

Dana Drenner

Adam Baylor

### **Directors Choice TEAM: Hatchery Resiliency Team**

Scott Patterson

Chris Lorion

Shaun Clements

### **Dave Liscia: (for our Volunteer)**

Suzanne Linford and Bend Chapter Oregon Hunters  
Association (OHA) - Protect Animal Migration  
Project, Rex Parks Chapter President

### **Landowner Steward**

Dry Fly Management Co / Redside Restoration  
Project Ryder Redfield

## **EXHIBIT D: STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN APPROVAL**

*The Commission will be asked to approve revisions to Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan.*

*Commission Action: Approval*

Dr. Carolyn Eckrich, State Wildlife Action Plan Revision Coordinator

Emily VanWyk, Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator

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#### **EXHIBIT E: SOUTHERN RESIDENT ORCA ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLANS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt Endangered Species Management Plans for Southern Resident Orcas.

*Commission Action: Approval*

Howard Takata, Southern Resident Orca Conservation Coordinator

John North, Fish Division Deputy Administrator

Mike Brown, Marine Mammal Program Leader

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#### **EXHIBIT F: 2025 REGULATIONS FOR WILD COHO SALMON IN OREGON COASTAL STREAMS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules establishing 2025 wild coho retention fisheries in Oregon coastal streams.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Cassandra Leeman, Salmon Fisheries Analyst

Christine Mallette, Ocean Salmon Technical Resources Section Manager

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#### **EXHIBIT G: PRIVATE FOREST ACCORD RULE REVISION**

The Commission will be asked to approve the Department Staff recommendation for amending the PFA Grant Program Administrative Rules.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Andrew Spyrka, Private Forest Accord Grant Coordinator

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#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Commission will meet in executive session to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, and to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660 (2)(f) and (2)(h).

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### **September 12, 2025 -Ontario**

*\*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2025*

Big Game Regulations - Rulemaking

Sage Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy- Rulemaking

2026-27 Sport Fish Regulations – Rulemaking

### **October 10, 2025 -Virtual**

*\*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2025*

### **November 14, 2025 – Lebanon**

*\*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2025*

### **December 12, 2025 -Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2025*

2026 Groundfish Fishery Regs and Nearshore Logbook Report- Rulemaking

## **OREGON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION HYBRID HEARINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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