



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:  
Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025- 8:00AM  
Holiday Inn Express  
212 SE 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Ontario, OR 97314

Meeting:  
Friday, September 12, 2025 - 8:00 AM  
Four Rivers Cultural Center  
676 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ontario, OR 97314

### Friday, September 12, 2025

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#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

#### COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

#### CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT

Fire/Invasive Annual Grasses

Lindsey Somers, Natural Resources Specialist 2

Dan Somers, Wildlife Manager

Ryan Torland, Wildlife District Biologist

#### BEAVER ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Adrienne Averett, Implementation Coordinator

#### ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

*Commission Action: Rule Ratification*

Debbie Colbert, Director

##### 1.) 635-06-0510

###### **Hatchery Chinook Bonus Bag Limit in the Coos River Basin**

Adopted: 8/18/2025 Effective Dates: 8/19/2025 through 12/31/2025

This amended rule will add an additional salmon to the bag limit in the Coos Basin.

##### 2.) 635-016-0050

###### **Closure of Umpqua River Basin to Chinook Salmon Angling**

Adopted: 8/18/2025 Effective Dates: 8/19/2025 through 11/30/2025

This amended rule closes angling for and retention of all Chinook.

**3.) 635-016-0510**

**Hatchery Chinook Bonus Bag Limit in the Coos River Basin**

Adopted: 8/20/2025 Effective Dates: 8/20/2025 through 12/31/2025

This amended rule will add an additional salmon to the bag limit in the Coos Basin.

**4.) 635-042-0032**

**Set Columbia River Non-Treaty Late Fall Commercial Tangle Net Salmon Fishery**

Adopted: 8/22/2025 Effective Dates: 9/16/2025 through 12/31/2025

This rule authorizes 34 late fall non-treaty commercial tangle net fishing periods in Zones 1-3 of the lower Columbia River.

**5.) 635-016-0500**

**Closure of Umpqua River Basin to Salmon Angling and Retention**

Adopted: 8/18/2025 Effective Dates: 8/19/2025 through 11/30/2025

This amended rule closes angling for and retention of all salmon species in the Mainstem Umpqua, Smith, and North Fork Smith rivers in all waters.

**6.) 635-016-0500**

**(Corrected) Closure of Umpqua River Basin to Salmon Angling and Retention**

Adopted: 8/18/2025 Effective Dates: 8/25/2025 through 11/30/2025

This amended rule closes angling for and retention of all salmon species in the Mainstem Umpqua, Smith, and North Fork Smith rivers in all waters.

**7.) 635-041-0075**

**Authorize sales of fish caught in the Columbia River Zone 6 Treaty commercial gillnet fisheries to state-licensed buyers.**

Adopted: M/D/2025 Effective Dates: 9/8/2025 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 September 8 through September 13, and September 15 through September 19.

**8.) 635-042-0060**

**Set mainstem Columbia River late fall commercial gillnet fishery**

Adopted: 9/5/2025 Effective Dates: 9/7/2025 through 12/31/2025

This rule authorizes one commercial non-treaty gillnet fishing period in the mainstem Columbia River commercial Zones 4-5 for September 7 through September 8.

**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.***

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#### **EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from August 15, 2025.

*Commission Action: Approval of Minutes*

#### **EXHIBIT B: 2025 GREATER SAGE-GROUSE CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY FOR OREGON**

The Commission will be asked to Approve the updated “Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Assessment and Strategy for Oregon” and amend associated rules

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator

Skyler Vold, Sage Grouse Conservation Coordinator

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#### **EXHIBIT C: 2026-27 SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS, OCEAN ENDORSEMENT, AND COQUILLE RIVER HATCHERY FALL CHINOOK**

The Commission will be asked to adopt administrative rules to set the 2026-27 Recreational Sport Fishing Regulations, the Ocean Endorsement, and set a season for hatchery Chinook salmon in the Coquille River.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Michele Weaver, Acting Recreational Fisheries Manager

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#### **EXHIBIT D: 2026 BIG GAME SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt administrative rules for 2026 big game and western gray squirrel season dates, open areas, dates and locations of travel management areas, and 2026 Oregon big game season-controlled hunt tag numbers.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Dr. Don Whittaker, Ungulate Species Coordinator

Dr. Sam Fino, Carnivore-Furbearer Coordinator

Derek Broman, Game Program Manager

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#### **EXHIBIT E: OREGON CONSERVATION & RECREATION FUND PROJECT FUNDING**

The Commission will be asked to approve projects from Spring 2025 Grant solicitation

*Commission Action: Approval*

Reva Gilman, Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund Coordinator

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#### **EXHIBIT F: ACCESS & HABITAT – PROJECT FUNDING AND BOARD REPRESENTATIVE APPROVAL**

The Commission will be asked to Review and approval of the Access & Habitat Board’s July 15, 2025,

recommendations for project funding, Appointment of a Landowner Representative and a Hunter Representative to the A&H Board.

*Commission Action: Approval & Appointments*

Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat 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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#### **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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Meetings are scheduled a year in advance, including one held annually in each Congressional District per **ORS 496.108(5)**. Additional meetings are held at ODFW Headquarters in Salem. While some topics are scheduled annually (e.g., ocean salmon regulations in April), others may arise unexpectedly.

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