OREGON Fish & Wildlife

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Workshop: Predators, Prey, and People: Managing Wildlife Through Landscape Scale Changes
Thursday, December 11, 2025- 1:00 PM
ODFW HQ, Commission Room
Salem, OR 97302 Meeting: Friday, December 12, 2025 - 8:00 AM ODFW HQ, Commission Room Salem, OR 97302

Friday, December 12, 2025

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has moved to hybrid meetings, meaning that you have the option to attend in-person or virtually. Those who would like to provide **virtual testimony** on an **Exhibit** scheduled on this agenda must **REGISTRATION** no less than 48 hours (Wednesday December 10 at 8:00 AM) in advance to receive a testimony link to the meeting. To provide testimony on an agenda item in-person, registration will also be available at the meeting.

To provide testimony **virtually or in-person** during **PUBLIC FORUM** you must **contact** the Director's office no less than 48 hours (Wednesday December 10 at 8:00 AM) in advance of the meeting for approval.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIELD REPORTS – in written form only

COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT

Reconnecting Rivers: Landscape-Scale Salmon Restoration in the Klamath Basin Phil Milburn, Klamath/Malheur Watershed Manager Mark Hereford, Klamath Fisheries Reintroduction Project Leader

COMMISSION 2026 PROPOSED WORKPLAN

Shaun Clements, Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife Programs

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Commission Action: Rule Ratification
Debbie Colbert, Director

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 <u>Registration</u> with the ODFW Director's Office before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, December 10 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

Barbless Hooks on the Columbia
Bill Monroe
Bruce Hanson
Andrew Hanson

EXHIBIT A: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from September 12 and October 10, 2025.

Commission Action: Approval of Minutes

INFORMATIONAL: 12-YEAR ASSESSMENT OF THE LOWER COLUMBIA RIVER CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY PLAN

Staff will present the 12-year Assessment of the Lower Columbia River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Oregon Populations of Salmon and Steelhead to the Commission.

No Commission Action: Informational only Jim Brick, Implementation Coordinator

No Public Testimony

INFORMATIONAL: HOOK REGULATIONS FOR COLUMBIA RIVER RECREATIONAL SALMON AND STEELHEAD FISHERIES

The Commission will be provided with a background on hook regulations in Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries, and other considerations related to the current barbless hook requirement.

No Commission Action: Informational only John North - Fish Division Deputy Administrator Tucker Jones - OSCRP Manager (Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager)

No Public Testimony

EXHIBIT B: 2026 GROUNDFISH FISHERY REGULATIONS AND NEARSHORE LOGBOOK REPORT

The Commission will be asked to adopt regulations for the 2026 recreational and commercial groundfish fisheries. The Commission will also be provided with a copy of the 2023 commercial nearshore logbook report.

Commission Action: Rulemaking

Lynn Mattes - Marine Fisheries Management Section Manager

Submit written comments on this agenda item *Here*

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance **REGISTRATION** required for virtual participation.

EXHIBIT C: COMMERCIAL LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The Commission will be asked to update Oregon Administrative Rules to reflect changes in commercial license and permit fees approved by the Oregon Legislature in HB 2342.

Commission Action: Rulemaking

Gway Rogers-Kirchner – Technology and Data Services Manager

Submit written comments on this agenda item Here

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance **REGISTRATION** required for virtual participation.

EXHIBIT D: MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FISH TICKET REPORTING AND CATCHER/PROCESSOR LANDING RULES

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules to make reporting commercial landings on electronic fish tickets mandatory and to allow the landing of commercial catch by catcher processors into Oregon

Commission Action: Rulemaking

John Seabourne - Fish Division Operations Manager

Nadine Hurtado - Fisheries Information Systems Program Leader

Submit written comments on this agenda item *Here*

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance **REGISTRATION** required for virtual participation.

EXHIBIT E: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING

The Commission will be asked to approve the Access and Habitat Board recommendations for project funding.

Commission Action: Approval

Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Coordinator

Submit written comments on this agenda item **Here**

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance <u>**REGISTRATION**</u> required for virtual participation.

EXHIBIT F: R&E BOARD APPOINTMENT AND PROGRAM UPDATE

The Commission will be asked to appoint a new representative to the R&E Board to represent public interests. The R&E Board chair and STAC Board chair will each provide a brief program update.

Commission Action: Approval & Appointments

Martin Olson, R&E/STEP Coordinator

Submit written comments on this agenda item Here

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance **REGISTRATION** required for virtual participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session is held pursuant to **192.660(2) (i)** which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to conduct review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer of a public body, a public officer, employee, or staff member who does not request an open hearing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

This Executive Session is held pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(f) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, as well as to consult with legal counsel concerning 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)(h).

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FUTURE PROPOSED COMMISSION TOPICS

* Written public comments for future Commission Topics can be submitted in writing prior to the meeting date at ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov or mailed to 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302.

January 16, 2026- Virtual

*Written public comment period will open November 15, 2025

February 20, 2026

*Written public comment period will open December 15, 2025

March 20, 2026

*Written public comment period will open January 15, 2026

April 24, 2026

*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2026

May 15, 2026

*Written public comment period will open March 15, 2026

June 26, 2026

*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2026

July 17, 2026

*Written public comment period will open May 15, 2026

August 14, 2026

*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2026

September 18, 2026

*Written public comment period will open July 15, 2026

October 16, 2026-Virtual

*Written public comment period will open August 15, 2026

November 13, 2026

*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2026

December 11, 2026

*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2025

OREGON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION HYBRID HEARINGS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission conducts **hybrid public meetings**, allowing for testimony **either in person or virtually**. Meetings begin at **8:00 a.m.** and proceed chronologically through the published agenda.

Meetings are livestreamed on the Commission's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW. Any changes to the meeting format—including shifts to virtual-only in case of emergency—will be announced on the Commission's website at www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/.

MEETING AGENDAS AND MATERIALS

Agendas and instructions for how to register to testify are posted for each meeting on the <u>Commission website</u>. If you wish to receive materials related to specific agenda items, please contact the Director's Office at **(503)** 947-6044 or email <u>ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov</u> to request a packet.

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.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC FORUM

To provide verbal testimony, you must register at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. This applies to <u>virtual</u> testimony on agenda items, and virtual or in person Public Forum comments.

Ways to Register to Testify:

- In-Person Testimony: Fill out a "Witness Registration" form available at the meeting site.
- **Virtual Testimony (Video or Audio)**: Register at least 48 hours in advance via the link provided in the meeting agenda.
- By Email: Send your name, topic, email, and phone number to ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov.

PUBLIC FORUM:

This portion of the agenda is designated for comments **not related to topics already scheduled for the agenda**. To participate in Public Forum (virtually or in-person), you must register by **8:00 a.m. two days (48 hours) before the meeting**. Provide your name, topic, and contact information to the Director's Office for approval.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Submit written comments in advance via the links provided in the <u>meeting agenda</u>. You may also submit written comments for Public Forum or agenda items:

SEND TO:

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Written materials received **72 hours in advance** will be shared with Commissioners prior to the meeting. Later submissions will be included in the record and distributed to the Commission as time allows.