



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Meeting:

Friday, October 10, 2025– 8:30 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Virtual Meeting
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE
Salem, OR 97302

Commission minutes are considered draft until approved by the Commission.

Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation.

Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Mary Wahl, Chair	Debbie Colbert, Director
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Vice Chair	Ken Loffink, Deputy Director of Administration
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Shaun Clements, Deputy Director of Fish & Wildlife Programs
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Davia Palmeri, Strategic Advisor Federal Policy Director
Leslie King, Commissioner	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
Dallas Hall Defrees, Commissioner	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General

MEETING

On Friday, **October 10, 2025, at 8:30 AM, Chair Wahl called the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Adopt Temporary Rules

The Commission ratify the following temporary rules. The thirteen temporary rules were previously adopted by the director under her emergency action authority.

Action:

Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the thirteen (13) temporary rules set forth on October 10, 2025, agenda. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously, six (6) in favor. Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde; Labhart, Spelbrink, King, Hall Defrees

OTHER BUSINESS

Approve 2026 Commission Meeting Dates

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TRIBAL TRAINING (Detailed agenda below)

Invited speakers shared information with the Commission relating to the Tribal cultural value of fish and wildlife and the principles of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

Fish, Wildlife, and Habitat are Cultural Resources (connection to health, humanity)

First Foods

1 Eric Quaempts, Director of Natural Resources, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla
2 Indian Reservation
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4 **Tribal Sovereignty, Treaty, and Property Rights (focus related to hunting and fishing)**

5 What is sovereignty?

6 What are Treaty rights?

7 Professor Robert Miller, Jonathan and Wendy Rose Professor of Law,
8 Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
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10 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.
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TRAINING MATERIALS

Materials

There is abundant educational material available on the topic of this training. Recommendations from our presenters and ODFW staff are linked below. We encourage the Commissioners to review these in a manner most appropriate to your learning style.

Articles

1. [Essential Understandings](#) – Prepared by the Oregon Department of Education to provide a base level of understanding of the native peoples of Oregon for educators
2. [Aligning environmental management with ecosystem resilience: a First Foods example from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon, USA](#) – Provided by Eric Quaempts
3. [First Foods Upland Vision](#) – Provided by Eric Quaempts
4. [The Umatilla River Vision](#) – Provided by Eric Quaempts
5. [Exercising Cultural Self-Determination: The Makah Indian Tribe Goes Whaling](#) – Provided by Professor Miller
6. [Speaking with Forked Tongues: Indian Treaties, Salmon, and the Endangered Species Act](#) – Provided by Professor Miller

Videos

1. [Heart and Soul of Tribal Consultation](#) – Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services with content from all nine federally recognized tribes.
2. Understanding Tribal Treaties and Reserved Rights – Prepared by the U.S. federal government as training for all federal employees.
 - [Episode 1](#)
 - [Episode 2](#)
 - [Episode 3](#)
 - [Episode 4](#)

Books

1. [First Oregonians](#) – History of Oregon’s federally recognized tribes, in their own words. ODFW has purchased this book for the Commissioners.
2. [Custer died for your sins](#)
3. [Braiding sweetgrass](#)