



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Friday, January 16, 2026 - 8:00 AM  
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife  
Virtual Meeting  
Viewing Room: Classroom  
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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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**

SMURFing along the Oregon Coast--understanding the impacts of a changing climate on rockfish recruitment

Dr. Kirsten Grorud-Colvert

Moritz Schmid, Research Project Lead

### **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

*Commission Action: Rule Ratification*

Debbie Colbert, Director

#### **1.) 635-005-0465**

##### **2025-2026 Commercial Dungeness Crab Season Opening North of Cape Falcon**

Adopted 12/19/2025: effective 12/19/2025 through 3/31/2026

This amended rule sets the opening date for the Oregon 2025-2026 ocean commercial Dungeness crab fishery from Cape Falcon to the Oregon-Washington border.

#### **2.) 635-041-0063**

##### **Modify Season Structure and Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in Columbia River Treaty Setline Fisheries**

Adopted 12/23/2025: effective 1/1/2026 through 1/31/2026

This amended rule modifies the season structure in permanent rule for the treaty sturgeon setline fishery and provides state authorization of sales of white sturgeon caught in the winter Treaty setline

fisheries in Bonneville Pool, The Dalles Pool, and The John Day Pool to reflect recent tribal action to modify these fisheries.

**3.) 635-023-0101**

**Modify Recreational Retention Fishery for Sturgeon in John Day Pool and Adjacent Tributaries**

Adopted 12/23/2025: effective 1/1/2026 through 4/30/2026

This amended rule modifies the recreational retention fishery regulations for white sturgeon in the John Day Pool (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam) of the mainstem Columbia River and all adjacent tributaries. Retention will be allowed in the John Day Pool from January 1 through April 30, 2026. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Joint State hearing on November 13, 2025

**4.) 635-023-0101**

**Close Retention of Sturgeon in Recreational Fisheries in the John Day Pool and Adjacent Tributaries**

Adopted 1/9/2026: effective 1/10/2026 through 4/30/2026

This amended rule closes the retention season for white sturgeon on the mainstem Columbia River in the John Day Pool (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam) and all adjacent tributaries. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish & Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Joint State hearing on January 8, 2026.

**5.) 635-042-0130**

**Adopt Non-Treaty Columbia River Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery**

Adopted 1/9/2026: effective 1/12/2026 through 3/19/2026

This amended rule will implement the 2026 non-treaty commercial smelt fishery in Zones 1-3 of the lower Columbia River on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. from January 12 through February 19, 2026 and from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays from February 23 through March 19, 2026. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at the Columbia River Compact hearing held on January 8, 2026.

**6.) 635-016-0510**

**Allow Bait on the Coquille River and Tributaries**

Adopted 1/12/2026: effective 1/12/2026 through 7/10/2026

This rule will correct language that inadvertently removed the allowance of bait in the Coquille River basin from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**7.) 635-067-0000**

**Amend Rules to Reduce 2026 Oregon Hunting Tags for Rocky Mountain Goats**

Adopted: 01/12/2026: effective date: 01/12/2026 through 07/10/2026

Oregon Administrative Rules establishing tag numbers for 2026 Rocky Mountain goat hunts were adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission on September 12, 2025 meeting. Tag numbers adopted at that time did not account for low number of Rocky Mountain goats observed in the Snake River Wildlife Management Unit during the most recent population surveys.

**COMMISSION UPDATES**

*No Commission Action: Informational Only*

**OTHER BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

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

Please [Registration](#) with the ODFW Director's Office before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, January 14 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

*Wallowa County Wolves*

*Commissioner John Hillock, Wallowa County*

*Wallowa County Commissioner Resolution on Wolf Management Policy*

*Alicia Zinni*

*Chris Cunningham*

*Rawley Bigsby*

*Online License Ordering*

*Quentin LeRoy Beagley*

*Black Bear Trap Check Times*

*Kelly Peterson, Oregon State Director for Humane World*

*Revenue And Expenses*

*David Blessman*

*Sauvie Island Online Parking Permits*

*Kristen Cook, Sauvie Island Cove Market*

*Predation Impacts on Mule Deer and Big Horn Sheep*

*Paul Davis*

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

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from December 12, 2025

*Commission Action: Approval of Minutes*

## **EXHIBIT B: UPDATING CEREMONIAL AND SUBSISTENCE HUNTING TAG NUMBERS FOR BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE**

The Commission will be asked to update the number of hunting tags available to the Burns Paiute Tribe to support their member's interests in ceremonial and subsistence hunting opportunities. The amendments also align the rules to recently adopted mule deer hunt areas and slightly expand the geographic scope of those opportunities.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

*Philip Milburn, Malheur/Klamath Watershed Manager*

*Tracy Kennedy, Chairperson of Tribal Council, Burns Paiute Tribe*

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## **EXHIBIT C: LANDOWNER PREFERENCE PROGRAM FORMULA FOR SETTING MULE DEER TAGS**

The Commission will be asked to amend rules to modify the formula for setting landowner preference program tags for mule deer hunts and to modify the names of some mule deer herd ranges.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Brian Wolfer, Deputy Administrator Wildlife Division

Lee Foster, District Wildlife Biologist.

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#### **EXHIBIT D: COQUILLE RIVER FALL CHINOOK CONSERVATION HATCHERY PROGRAM MODIFICATION**

The Commission will be asked to approve a modification to the Coquille River conservation hatchery program.

*Commission Action: Approval*

Greg Huchko, Umpqua Watershed District Manager

John Ogan, Coquille Indian Tribe

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#### **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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### **February 20, 2026 – Springfield**

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

ODFW Review of Petition to Revise Commercial Dungeness Crab Fishery Rules- petition

### **March 20, 2026 - Medford**

*\*Written public comment period will open January 15, 2026*

Modify the Annual Closure Period for Treaty Subsistence Fishing in the Fifteenmile Creek Sanctuary- Rulemaking

Minam Wildlife Area Management Plan- Rulemaking

Rules Regarding Public Use for Sauvie Island Wildlife Area -Rulemaking

### **April 24, 2026- Lincoln City**

*\*Written public comment period will open February 15, 2026*

### **May 15, 2026 – no meeting scheduled**

*\*Written public comment period will open March 15, 2026*

### **June 26, 2026 - Redmond**

*\*Written public comment period will open April 15, 2026*

### **July 17, 2026 – no meeting scheduled**

*\*Written public comment period will open May 15, 2026*

### **August 14, 2026 - Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open June 15, 2026*

### **September 18, 2026 -La Grande**

*\*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- no meeting scheduled**

*\*Written public comment period will open September 15, 2026*

### **December 11, 2026 -Salem**

*\*Written public comment period will open October 15, 2026*

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