



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Meeting:  
Friday, February 20, 2026 - 8:00 AM  
Lane County Armed Forces Readiness Center  
3106 Pierce Parkway  
Springfield, OR 97477

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

The Fish and Wildlife Commission conducts 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 February 18 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** during **PUBLIC FORUM** you must **contact** the Director's office no less than 48 hours (Wednesday February 18 at 8:00 AM) in advance of the meeting for approval.

\*PLEASE NOTICE: No testimony will be allowed related to Exhibit C: In re: Winchester Water Control District as no new evidence may be considered by the Commission at this time.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT**

Governor's Natural Resources Team Update- Brief Overview of Recent Executive Orders

Geoff Huntington, Governors Natural Resources Advisor

Chandra Ferrari, Natural Resource Policy Advisor

Anca Matica, Communications and Policy Advisor, Climate and Natural Resources

Amy Schlusser, Natural Resources Advisor

#### **Everyone Belongs Outdoors: Portland Pilot Project**

The Commission will receive information on an ongoing project, "Relevant and Authentic Engagement for ODFW with Urban populations." The Commission will engage in a discussion with Mauricio Valadrian, an expert consultant, about the results of his interviews with ODFW staff and residents of Portland to measure current awareness of ODFW's mission and the degree of ODFW's personal and community impact.

Commission Action: Informational

Davia Palmeri, Strategic Advisor & Federal Policy Director

Maurico Valadrian, Valadrian Creative & Consulting

#### **FIELD REPORTS** – in written form only

#### **COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

#### **EXHIBIT A: WINCHESTER WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

The Commission will consider whether to approve or modify the proposed order relating to, among other determinations, a requirement to install Department approved fish passage at Winchester dam prepared by the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Judge. No new evidence may be considered by the Commission at this time. There will be no public testimony.

Commission Action: Approve or Modify Proposed Final Order

Greg Apke, Fish Screening and Passage Program Manager

## **ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES**

Commission Action: Rule Ratification

Debbie Colbert, Director

**1) 635-005-0405, 0460, 0480 Commercial Crab Late-Season Whale Entanglement Risk Reduction Measures Implementation Date**

Adopted 1/23/2026: effective 2/16/2026 through 8/14/2026

These amended rules will implement commercial crab late-season whale entanglement risk reduction measures including a 20% pot limit reduction, requirement for late-season buoy tags, and prohibition on fishing deeper than 40 fathoms on April 1 instead of May 1 to reduce the risk of whales becoming entangled in commercial crab fishing gear earlier in the season.

**2) 635-016-0500**

**Modify Wild Spring Chinook Regulations in Umpqua District**

Adopted: 12/19/2025 Effective Dates: 2/1/2026 through 6/30/2026

This amended rule will prohibit retention of all wild Chinook on the Mainstem Umpqua River. It will restrict harvest to one wild adult Chinook per day and ten wild adults per season on the North Umpqua River from February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the sliding scale established pursuant to the State's Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP).

**3) 635-041-0063**

**Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in The Dalles Pool Columbia River Treaty Setline Fishery**

Adopted: 1/29/2026 Effective Dates: 2/2/2026 through 2/28/2026

This amended rule provides state authorization of sales of white sturgeon caught in the winter Treaty setline fishery in The Dalles Pool to reflect recent tribal action to adopt this fishery.

**4) 635-041-0063**

**Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in The Dalles Pool Columbia River Treaty Setline Fishery**

Adopted: 2/11/2026 Effective Dates: 2/12/2026 through 3/31/2026

This amended rule provides state authorization of sales of white sturgeon caught in the winter Treaty setline fisheries in Bonneville Pool, The Dalles Pool, and John Day Pool to reflect recent tribal action to adopt these fisheries.

**5) 635-041-0072**

**Allow Sales of Warmwater Species Caught in the Columbia River Treaty Indian Research Fishery**

Adopted: 2/11/2026 Effective Dates: 2/13/2026 through 3/31/2026

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

**6) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180**

**Adopt Select Area Commercial Fisheries**

Adopted: 2/12/2026 Effective Dates: 2/15/2026 through 7/31/2026

These rules implement the 2026 winter, spring, and summer Select Area commercial fisheries from February 15 through July 30. The following fisheries are addressed by these rules:

- Blind/Knappa sloughs,
- Tongue Point/South Channel,
- Youngs Bay, and
- Deep River

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 on 2/11/26.

## 7) 635-023-0101

### **Set Recreational Retention Fisheries for Sturgeon in Bonneville and The Dalles Pools and Adjacent Tributaries**

Adopted: 2/12/2026 Effective Dates: 2/16/2026 through 4/30/2026

This amended rule modifies the recreational retention fishery regulations for white sturgeon on the mainstem Columbia River in the Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam) and The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to the John Day Dam) and all adjacent tributaries. Retention will be allowed only on Monday, February 16, 2026, in these areas. 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 February 11, 2026.

### **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, February 18 (at least 48 hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

Joe Moll, Executive Director of McKenzie River Trust

#### **EXHIBIT B: COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from January 16, 2026

Commission Action: Approval of Minutes

#### **EXHIBIT C: REVIEW OF PETITION RELATED TO COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY RULES**

The Commission will consider an Administrative Procedure Act (APA) petition requesting modification to commercial Dungeness crab fishery rules. The Commission will be asked to either deny the petition or accept the petition and initiate rulemaking proceedings. **Per ORS 183.390(2), the agency shall invite public comment upon the rules and shall specifically request public comments on whether options exist for achieving the rules' substantive goals in a way that reduces the negative economic impact on businesses.**

Commission Action: Accept Petition and Initiate Rulemaking/Deny Petition

Justin Ainsworth, Marine Resources Manager

Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator

Submit written comments on this agenda item [Here](#)

Public Testimony: 48-hour Advance [REGISTRATION](#) required for virtual participation.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An Executive Session will be 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). The executive session is closed to the public. Members of the press should contact ODFW's Director's Office for instructions on how to join the session.

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You can learn more about upcoming rulemaking and submit written public comments from the [ODFW Rulemaking Webpage](#) by clicking the Public Comment link for each rulemaking item.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rulemaking Webpage</u>
March 20, 2026	Medford	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
April 24, 2026	Lincoln City	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
May 15, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
June 26, 2026	Redmond	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
July 17, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
August 14, 2026	Salem	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
September 18, 2026	La Grande	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
October 16, 2026	Virtual	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>
November 13, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
December 11, 2026	Salem	<a href="#">Rulemaking</a>

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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.

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND PUBLIC FORUM**

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

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- **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](#).
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Salem, Oregon 97302

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