



## 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  
Antonio Salgado, Community Engagement & R3 Coordinator  
Mauricio 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

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## **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 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.***

## **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.

## **ADJOURN**

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## Future Commission Meetings & Proposed Rulemaking – 2026

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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#### MEETING AGENDAS AND MATERIALS

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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.

##### **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](#).
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#### 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

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##### **SEND TO:**

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*or mail to:*

ODFW Director's Office  
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

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.

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