



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:
Thursday March 19, 2026 – 8:00 AM
Hampton Inn Medford
1122 Morrow Rd
Medford, OR 97504

Meeting:
Friday, March 20, 2026 - 8:00 AM
Roxy Ann Grange
1850 Spring St,
Medford, OR 97504

Friday, March 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 March 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 March 18 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

Building Resilient Landscapes: Oregon's Native Seed
Strategy at Work

Troy Abercrombie, Oregon Department of
Agriculture

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Commission Action: Rule Ratification
Debbie Colbert, Director

635-041-0063

Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in Columbia River Treaty Setline Fisheries

Adopted: 2/25/2026 Effective Dates: 2/26/2026 through 2/28/2026

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

1.) 635-023-0101

Set Recreational Retention Fishery for Sturgeon in The Dalles Pool and Adjacent Tributaries

Adopted: 2/26/2026 Effective Dates: 3/3/2026 through 4/30/2026

This amended rule establishes a retention day for the recreational white sturgeon fishery on the mainstem Columbia River in The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to the John Day Dam) and all adjacent tributaries. Retention will be allowed on Tuesday, March 3, 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 February 25, 2026.

2.) 635-042-0130

Modify Non-Treaty Columbia River Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery

Adopted: 2/26/2026 Effective Dates: 3/2/2026 through 3/19/2026

This amended rule will modify the previously-adopted 2026 non-treaty commercial smelt fishery in Zones 1-3 of the lower Columbia River by adding Wednesdays from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. to the existing weekly schedule from March 2 through March 19. 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/Joint State hearing held on February 25, 2026.

3.) 635-041-0063

Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in Columbia River Treaty Setline Fisheries

Adopted: 2/25/2026 Effective Dates: 3/2/2026 through 8/28/2026

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

4.) 635-017-0090

Set 2026 Recreational Eulachon Smelt Season for the Sandy River

Adopted: 3/9/2026 Effective Dates: 3/11/2026 through 3/12/2026

This amended rule will set a 2026 recreational fishing season for smelt in the Sandy River.

5.) 635-041-0063

Allow Sales of Sturgeon Caught in Columbia River Treaty Setline Fishery

Adopted: 3/10/2026 Effective Dates: 3/11/2026 through 8/28/2026

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.

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 [Register](#) with the ODFW Director's Office before 8:00 AM, Wednesday, March 18 (at least **48** hours prior to the meeting) to be included in the public forum.

*Senior Fishing License Price
Maria Botterbusch*

*Bringing Salmon Back to Oregon Watersheds Through Ocean Fishery Reform
Adrian Tuohy, Wild Fish Conservancy*

EXHIBIT A: MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from February 20, 2026

Commission Action: Approval of Minutes

EXHIBIT B: MINAM WILDLIFE AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules for the Minam Management Plan

Commission Action: Rulemaking

Dan Marvin, Elkhorn Wildlife Area Manager

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

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

EXHIBIT C: OPRD GRASS CARP PERMIT EXCEPTION

The Commission will be asked to approve an exception to land ownership requirements as permitted in ODFW grass carp rules to allow stocking by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in a wastewater treatment pond at Beverly Beach State Park.

Commission Action: Approval

Chris Kern, Fish Propagation Program Manager

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

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

EXHIBIT D: DENMAN WILDLIFE AREA ACQUISITION

The Commission will be asked to approve the acquisition of land within the current Denman Wildlife Area boundary.

Commission Action: Approval

Tawny Slaven – Denman Wildlife Area Manger (Acting)

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

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

EXHIBIT E: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING APPROVAL

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

Commission Action: Approval

Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

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

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

EXHIBIT F: FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS

The Commission will be asked to appoint two new members to the Fish Screening Task Force.

Commission Action: Appointment

Katherine Nordholm, Fish Screens and Passage Coordinator

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

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

EXHIBIT G: LAMPREY CONSERVATION PLANS UPDATE

The Commission will be provided with an informational update on implementation of the Miller Lake Conservation Plan (2005) and the statewide Conservation Plan for Lampreys (2019).

No Commission Action: Informational Only
Ben Clemens, Statewide Lamprey Coordinator

No Public Testimony

ADJOURN

Accessibility and Accommodations

ODFW provides reasonable accommodation upon request, including assistive listening devices, sign language interpreters, and materials in large print or audiotape. To request accommodation, please contact the Director's Office at **(503) 947-6044** (voice) or **(503) 947-6042** (fax) at least **48 hours prior to the meeting**.

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>
April 24, 2026	Lincoln City	Rulemaking
May 15, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
June 26, 2026	Redmond	Rulemaking
July 17, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
August 14, 2026	Salem	Rulemaking
September 18, 2026	La Grande	Rulemaking
October 16, 2026	Virtual	Rulemaking
November 13, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
December 11, 2026	Salem	Rulemaking

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 [Commission website](#). If you wish to receive materials related to specific agenda items, please contact the Director’s Office at **(503) 947-6044** or email ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov 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 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](#).
- **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 [meeting agenda](#). You may also submit written comments for Public Forum or agenda items:

SEND TO:

ODFW.Commission@odfw.oregon.gov

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. Later submissions will be included in the record and distributed to the Commission as time allows.