



## Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:  
Thursday April 23, 2026 – 8:00 AM  
Shearwater Inn  
120 Inlet Court  
Lincoln City, OR 97367

Meeting:  
Friday, April 24, 2026 - 8:00 AM  
Lincoln City Cultural Center  
540 NE HWY 101  
Lincoln City, OR 97367

### Friday, April 24, 2026

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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

Building Resilient Landscapes: Oregon's 20-Year Landscape Resiliency Strategy at Work

Oregon Department of Forestry

### ANNUAL WOLF REPORT

Roblyn Brown, Wolf Coordinator

Derek Broman, Game Program Manager

Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

Lt. Schwartz, Oregon State Police

Nick Myatt, East Region Manager

Invited Panels:

Panel 1 – Wolf Population Management, Wallowa County

Panel 2 – Reducing Conflict and Oregon Compensation Program

### ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Commission Action: Rule Ratification

Debbie Colbert, Director

- 1.) 635-042-0145**  
**Modify Youngs Bay Select Area Commercial Fishery**  
Adopted: 3/23/2026      Effective Dates: 3/23/2026 through 7/31/2026  
These rules expand the open area for two previously adopted fishing periods in the Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery scheduled to occur from March 23 through March 25. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Department of Fish and Wildlife on 3/23/26.
- 2.) 635-042-0145**  
**Modify Youngs Bay Select Area Commercial Fishery**  
Adopted: 3/25/2026      Effective Dates: 3/26/2026 through 7/31/2026  
These rules expand the open area for two previously adopted fishing periods in the Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery scheduled to occur from March 26 through March 30. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Department of Fish and Wildlife on 3/25/26.
- 3.) 635-042-0145**  
**Modify Youngs Bay Select Area Commercial Fishery**  
Adopted: 3/31/2026      Effective Dates: 4/1/2026 through 7/31/2026  
This rule expands the open area for previously adopted fishing periods in the Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery scheduled to occur from April 1 through April 2. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Department of Fish and Wildlife on 3/31/26.
- 4.) 635-018-0090**  
**Lower Deschutes River Hatchery Spring Chinook Season**  
Adopted: 4/2/2026      Effective Dates: 5/5/2026 through 9/28/2026  
This rule is needed to allow sport harvest opportunities for returning hatchery spring Chinook salmon in the Lower Deschutes River for an approximate two-week period beginning May 5, 2026.
- 5.) 635-041-0020**  
**Modify the Annual Closure Period for Treaty Subsistence Fishing in the Fifteenmile Creek Sanctuary**  
Adopted: 4/7/2026      Effective Dates: 4/16/2026 through 6/15/2026  
Under permanent rule, the closure date for treaty subsistence fishing around the mouth of Fifteenmile Creek extends from November 16 through June 15, annually. This amended rule allows subsistence fishing in this area to resume on April 16, 2026, to allow access to spring Chinook.
- 6.) 635-023-0125**  
**Set Additional Days for the Recreational Spring Salmon Fishery in the Columbia River**  
Adopted: 4/10/2026      Effective Dates: 4/11/2026 through 6/15/2026  
This amended rule sets Columbia River recreational spring salmon fisheries and modifies the daily bag limit for Select Area recreational salmon fisheries from March 1 through June 15. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington on February 19 and April 9, 2026.

**7.) 635-023-0125**

**Set an Additional Day for the Recreational Spring Salmon Fishery in the Columbia River**

Adopted: 4/15/2026 Effective Dates: 4/18/2026 through 6/15/2026

This amended rule adds one day to the Columbia River recreational spring salmon/steelhead fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Joint State hearing held on April 14, 2026.

**8.) 635-042-0145**

**Modifying Young Bay Select Area Commercial Fishery**

Adopted: 4/17/2026 Effective Dates: 4/20/2026 through 7/31/2026

This amended rule expands the open area for the previously adopted fishing period in the Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery scheduled to occur on April 20. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Department of Fish and Wildlife on 04/16/26.

**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.**

*Introduction to the new Regional Director of the Mule Deer Foundation, including a brief overview of regional priorities and goals.*

*Candy Yow, Mule Deer Foundation*

*State and federal agency killing of wolves in Oregon*

*Amaroq Weiss, Center for Biological Diversity*

*Youngs Bay Closure*

*Travis Moncrief, Fins, Feathers, and Furs Guide Service*

*The annual wolf report*

*Story Waren, Humane World for Animals*

**EXHIBIT A: MEETING MINUTES**

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

*Commission Action: Approval of Minutes*

**EXHIBIT B: 2026-27 GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt the game bird season regulations for 2026-27.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Brandon Reishus, Migratory Game Bird Coordinator

Mikal Cline, Upland Game Bird Coordinator

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

**EXHIBIT C: 2026 SPORT AND COMMERCIAL PACIFIC HALIBUT REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt the 2026 sport and commercial fishery regulations for Pacific halibut.

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Melanie Bukovec, Groundfish & Halibut Asst Project Leader  
Christian Heath, Halibut Project Leader  
Lynn Mattes, Marine Fisheries Management Section Leader

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**EXHIBIT D: 2026 OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES REGULATIONS**

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules establishing regulations for recreational and commercial salmon fishing seasons in state-managed waters of the Pacific Ocean

*Commission Action: Rulemaking*

Christine Mallette, Ocean Salmon Technical Services Manager

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**EXHIBIT E: SAUVIE ISLAND BEACHES PARKING PERMIT**

The Commission will be asked to adopt rules creating a new Sauvie Island Beaches Parking Permit

*Action: Rulemaking*

Steve Niemala, North Willamette Watershed District Manager

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**EXHIBIT F: PROPERTY SALE ON ALSEA RIVER**

The Commission will be asked to approve the sale of property on the Alsea River.

*Commission Action: Approval*

Holly Huchko, Sport Fish Restoration Coordinator  
Dick Duncan, Realty Specialist  
Mike Gauvin, West Region Manager

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**EXHIBIT G: PRIVATE FOREST ACCORD PROJECT APPROVAL ROUND 3**

The Commission will be asked to approve funding of board recommended projects.

*Commission Action: Approval*

Andy Spyrka, Private Forest Accord Grant Coordinator  
Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

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## **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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### Future Commission Meetings & Proposed Rulemaking – 2026

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Rulemaking Webpage</u>
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.

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