



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Agenda

Tour:

Thursday August 13, 2026, 8:00 AM
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Classroom
4034 Fairview Industrial DR SE
Salem, OR 97302

Meeting:

Friday, August 14, 2026, 8:00 AM
Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife
Commission Room
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The Fish and Wildlife Commission holds hybrid meetings, allowing you to attend either in person or virtually.

- Virtual testimony registration closed on Wednesday, August 12, at 8:00 a.m.
- In-person testimony registration will be available at the meeting for anyone wishing to speak on an agenda item.
- Public forum registration closed on August 12, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FIELD REPORTS – in written form only

COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT

Executive Order 25-26- Climate Resilience Attributes of Oregon Lands and Waters

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

ADOPT TEMPORARY RULES

Commission Action: Rule Ratification

Debbie Colbert, Director

1.) 635-016-0500

Angling and Harvest Regulations of Kokanee in the Umpqua District

Adopted: 7/01/2026 Effective Dates: 7/01/2026 through 12/22/2026

This rule allows for angling and harvest of kokanee in Lemolo Reservoir and Hemlock Lake. Anglers may retain up to 10 per day and there is no size limit.

2.) 635-041-0076

Authorize Sales in Treaty Zone 6 Commercial Fisheries

Adopted: 7/01/2026 Effective Dates: 7/01/2026 through 7/31/2026

This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in the following treaty fisheries: Gillnet fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from July 6 through July 8. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 1, 2026.

3.) 635-011-0100

Refine definition of "Chumming" referenced in 2026 Oregon Sport Angling Regulations Adopted: 7/02/2026 Effective Dates: 7/02/2026 through 12/28/2026

This amended rule modifies the definition of "Chumming" in the 2026 Oregon Sport Angling Regulation pamphlet.

4.) 635-016-0500

Angling and Harvest Regulations in the Umpqua District

Adopted: 7/02/2026 Effective Dates: 7/02/2026 through 12/22/2026

This rule inserts “wild” into the regulatory language to clarify that bag limit regulations apply to wild Chinook salmon in the Umpqua River basin locations specified

5.) 635-004-0585

Adopt Federal Rule for Commercial Pacific Halibut Fisheries

Adopted: 7/20/2026 Effective Dates: 7/21/2026 through 12/18/2026

The proposed rule amendment regulates the 2026 commercial Pacific halibut fishery by establishing a third fishery period along with fishery period vessel limits for Oregon state-water fisheries, ensuring and promoting consistency with federally adopted regulations. Through the first two scheduled fishery periods (June 23-25 and July 7- 9), total catches are below initial projections, estimated at 52 metric tons (mt). Of the 118 mt quota allocated to the directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery, 66 mt of quota remain unharvested.

6.) 635-041-0072

Allow Sale of Warmwater Species Caught in Columbia River Treaty Indian Research Fishery

Adopted: 7/23/2026 Effective Dates: 7/24/2026 through 12/31/2026

This amended rule provides state authorization of sales of yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, northern pikeminnow, and suckers 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.

7.) 635-041-0075

Authorize Sales for Columbia River Treaty Fall Fisheries

Adopted: 7/27/2026 Effective Dates: 8/01/2026 through 12/31/2026

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Zone 6 treaty fisheries: Platform and hook-and-line fisheries in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from August 1 through December 31. Yakama Nation tributary fisheries from August 1 through December 31. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 22, 2026.

8.) 635-042-0010, 635-042-0031

Set Mainstem Columbia River Fall-Season Commercial Fisheries

Adopted: 7/28/2026 Effective Dates: 8/03/2026 through 10/31/2026

These rules implement 2026 fall-season Columbia River mainstem (early-fall gillnet, pound net, and seine) commercial fisheries. The following fisheries are addressed by these rules: Columbia River Early Fall (Zones 4-5), beach and purse seine (Zones 1-3), and pound net (Zones 1-2). Fisheries using seine and pound net gear are associated with the on-going evaluation coordinated with co-managers in Washington via their formal Emerging Commercial Fishery process. 2026 is the third year of an approximately five-year process after which WA is expected to make a determination on legalization of these gear types.

9.) 635-023-0130

Columbia River Recreational Fall-Season Salmon/Steelhead Regulations

Adopted: 7/31/2026 Effective Dates: 8/01/2026 through 12/31/2026

This amended rule sets the Columbia River recreational salmon/steelhead fisheries from August 1 through December 31, 2026. This rule also closes angling in portions of the mainstem Columbia

River adjacent to the mouths of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes River, and that portion of Herman Creek and Lagoon within the Columbia River Zone through September 15.

10.) 635-004-0275

Federal Actions Implemented for Commercial Groundfish Fisheries

Adopted: 7/31/2026 Effective Dates: 8/06/2026 through 11/06/2026

This amended rule adopts changes previously adopted by the federal government for Pacific Coast Limited Entry Fixed Gear (LEFG) commercial groundfish fishery, including, but not limited to adding flexibility to the federal LEFG permit gear endorsements by creating a single limited entry non-trawl permit that will permit vessels to use any legal non-trawl groundfish gear, except for set nets or other entangling nets, to harvest their LEFG sablefish tier limits and groundfish trip limits, and removing the start and end times (hours of the day) for the open dates of the primary tier season.

11.) 635-042-0145, 635-042-0160, 635-042-0170, 635-042-0180

Set Select Area Fall-Season Commercial Fisheries

Adopted: 7/31/2026 Effective Dates: 8/01/2026 through 12/31/2026

These rules implement the 2026 fall-season Select Area commercial fisheries in Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough, Tongue Point/South Channel, and Deep River. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 22, 2026.

12.) 635-017-0090

Allow Use of Two-Rod Validation Upstream of Willamette Falls in Certain Areas

Adopted: 7/28/2026 Effective Dates: 8/01/2026 through 12/31/2026

This amended rule will allow use of two rods while angling in specific areas of the Willamette Zone upstream of Willamette Falls that are open to the retention of coho salmon.

13.) 635-041-0045

Authorize Sales in Treaty Commercial Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Adopted: 7/23/2026 Effective Dates: 8/01/2026 through 10/31/2026

This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in Treaty Indian commercial platform and hook-and-line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River starting on August 1, 2026. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on July 22, 2026

14.) 635-004-0355

Increase to Bi-Monthly Vessel Landing Limits in the Commercial Nearshore Fishery

Adopted: 8/04/2026 Effective Dates: 8/04/2026 through 12/31/2026

These amended rules will increase the bi-monthly vessel landing limit for black rockfish and cabezon in the commercial nearshore fishery for periods 4-6 (July-December 2026).

15.) 635-016-0500

Angling and Harvest Regulations in the Umpqua District

Adopted: 8/05/2026 Effective Dates: 8/10/2026 through 12/22/2026

This amended rule will prohibit angling for steelhead in the North Umpqua River from the mouth upstream to the marker below Soda Springs Dam.

16.) 635-004-0585

Adopt federal rule for commercial Pacific halibut fisheries

Adopted: 8/06/2026 Effective Dates: 8/18/2026 through 12/18/2026

The proposed rule amendment regulates the 2026 commercial Pacific halibut fishery by establishing a fourth fishery period along with fishery period vessel limits for Oregon state-water fisheries, ensuring and promoting consistency with federally adopted regulations. Through the first three scheduled fishery periods (June 23-25, July 7-9, and July 21-23), total catches are below initial projections, estimated at 71 metric tons (mt). Of the 118 mt quota allocated to the directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery, 47 mt of quota remain unharvested. Projected catches for the fourth fishing period are expected to remain within the overall season quota.

17.) 635-041-0075

Authorize Sales for Columbia River Treaty Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishery

Adopted: 8/06/2026 Effective Dates: 8/17/2026 through 12/31/2026

These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in the Zone 6 treaty commercial gillnet fishery. Open fishing periods are from August 17 through August 20, August 24 through August 29, and August 31 through September 5. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on August 6, 2026.

18.) 635-053-0000

Amend rules to Modify Controlled Hunt Permit Numbers for 2026 Oregon Sage-grouse Hunting Season

Adopted: 08/06/2026 Effective Dates: August 7, 2026 through October 1, 2026

OAR 635-053-0000 states in part that restrictions for hunting upland game birds are described in the “2026-2027 Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations” and are adopted and incorporated into OAR Chapter 635, by reference. Sage-grouse are a species of upland game bird with the number of controlled hunt permits available for each sage-grouse hunt area adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) and printed in the “2026-27 Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations.”

Recent sage-grouse survey results and a change in habitat conditions necessitate a modification of permits for five hunt areas.

19.) 635-039-0085

Modify Pacific Halibut All-Depth Fishing Days for the Columbia River Subarea

Adopted: 8/07/2026 Effective Dates: 8/08/2026 through 10/31/2026

This rule will authorize opening the Columbia River Subarea all-depth Pacific halibut fishery seven days per week August 8 through September 30. Although harvest during the season extension is expected to remain within the allowed quota, harvest will be monitored and if the quota is projected to be met prior to the season end date, this subarea may close early if other subareas are projected to reach or exceed their allocation.

20.) 635-018-0510

Steelhead Protections in Deschutes River Waters

Adopted: 8/10/2026 Effective Dates: 8/15/2026 through 12/31/2026

This amended rule increases protections for wild summer steelhead in the Columbia and Deschutes River Basin by closing angling in the Deschutes River.

COMMISSION UPDATES

No Commission Action: Informational Only

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC FORUM

This part of the agenda is reserved for comments on topics not already listed elsewhere on the agenda. Public forum registration closed on August 12, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., which is 48 hours before the meeting.

Deschutes River & Steelhead

David Moskowitz, Wild Fish & River Advocates

EXHIBIT A: MEETING MINUTES

The Commission will be asked to approve draft Commission meeting minutes from June 26, 2026.

Commission Action: Approval of Minutes

EXHIBIT B: COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB FISHERY REGULATIONS

The Commission will be asked to consider new rules for the commercial Dungeness crab fishery including electronic vessel monitoring, criteria for experimental permits for testing pop-up gear, season opening criteria, and modifications specific to surface gear.

Commission Action: Rulemaking

Justin Ainsworth, Marine Resources Program Manager

Last day and time to offer written comments to the Agency was: 07/24/2026 at 8:00 AM.

Virtual testimony registration closed on Wednesday, August 12 at 8:00 a.m. To provide testimony on an agenda item in-person, registration will also be available at the meeting.

EXHIBIT C: BEAR AND COUGAR TRAP CHECK TIMES

The commission will be asked to approve rules related to trap check times for bear and cougar taken on damage asked to approve rules related to trap check times for bear and cougar taken on damage.

Commission Action: Rulemaking

Brian Wolfer, Wildlife Division Deputy Administrator

Sam Fino, Carnivore and Furbearer Coordinator

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EXHIBIT D: OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND WILDLIFE CROSSING PROJECT APPROVAL

The Commission will be asked to approve the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee's recommendations for wildlife passage project funding.

Commission Action: Approval

Reva Gillman, Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Coordinator

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

Last day and time to offer written comments to the Agency was: 08/11/2026 at 8:00 AM.

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ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Award Presentation begins at 11:00 AM

Debbie Colbert, Director

Mary Wahl, Commission Chair

Individual Awards

Anton Burt

Julia Burco Speten

Joe Stack

Jacob Peterson

Nadine Hurtado

April Brenden-Locke

Matt Wyatt

Jeremy Romer

Karen Woolbright

Keith DeHart

Director's Choice Individual Award

Amanda Solla

Team Award: State Wildlife Action Plan Update

Carolyn Eckrich

Emily VanWyk

Justin Ainsworth

Greg Kruztzikowsky

Jessica Watson

Michele Weaver

Adam Baylor

Eszter Collier

Rachel Wheat

Marianne Ross

Joy Lovett

Team Award: OSP Marine Fisheries Team

Lt. Ryan Howell

Sergeant Heather Van Meter

Trooper Ryan Cross

Trooper Christine Brandtner

Trooper Andrew Luse

Senior Trooper Ben Cordes

Senior Trooper Ryan Keeler

Senior Trooper Dylan Roberts

Directors Choice TEAM: Tactical Communications

Chris Kern

Kevin Drake

Keith DeHart

Gway Rogers-Kirchner

Francisco Pickens

Martyne Reeseaman

Zac Kendall

Jon Nott

Briana Sounhein

Trinity Sylvestor

Caroline Resch

Tawny Slaven

Colton Beisley

Christopher Traill

Mike Lance

Louisa Hooten

Dixie Smith

Manager Mentor

Justine Kenyon-Benson

Dave Liscia: (for our Volunteer)

Norm Holliday and Gary Chandler

DEI Award (Diversity Equity and Inclusion)

Kaly Adkins

Landowner Steward

Lionel Sauvage and the Sauvage Family "The Bear Creek Access Area"

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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MEETING PROCEEDURES

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>
September 18, 2026	La Grande	Rulemaking
October 16, 2026	Virtual	Rulemaking
November 13, 2026	No meeting scheduled	
December 11, 2026	Salem	Rulemaking