



Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Minutes

Tour:
Thursday June 25, 2026 8:00 AM
Comfort Suites Redmond
2243 South Yew Ave.
Redmond, OR 97756

Meeting:
Friday, June 26, 2026 - 8:00 AM
Redmond Grange #812
707 SW Kalama Ave
Redmond, OR 97756

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Notice of these meetings had been made by press release of statewide media circulation. Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

Mary Wahl, Chair	Debbie Colbert, Director
Becky Hatfield-Hyde, Vice Chair	Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer
Bob Spelbrink, Commissioner	Shaun Clements, Deputy Director of Fish & Wildlife Programs
Mark Labhart, Commissioner	Nick Myatt, East Region Manager
Dallas Hall Defrees, Commissioner	Mike Gauvin, West Region Manager
Hugh Morrison, Commissioner	Bernadette Graham Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator
Dave Moldal, Commissioner	Mike Harrington, Fish Division Administrator
	Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator
	Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
	Doug Shugart, Captain Oregon State Police
	Anika Marriott, Assistant Attorney General- virtual
	Erin Donald, Assistant Attorney General

MEETING

On Friday, **June 26, 2026, at 8:00 AM**, Chair Wahl called the **Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission** (the Commission) meeting to order.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Field Reports – in written form only; *this report is available in the meeting materials and at <https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Field%20Report%20June%202026.pdf>*

Expenditure Report

Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

Ken provided the Commission with a financial overview for the period ending May 31, 2026. Unrestricted cash totaled \$74 million (including \$17 million in insurance proceeds for wildfire damages), while restricted cash stood at \$95.5 million, resulting in \$169.5 million held at the state treasury. The agency saw an increase in unrestricted cash due to strong license sales in May, which is the peak month for controlled hunt applications. For the 2025-2027 biennium, expenditures are at 35% of the approved limit, and revenues from recreational licenses are tracking at 19% higher than the previous year.

1 This report is available in the meeting materials and at
2 [https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-](https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20June%202026.pdf)
3 [06/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20June%202026.pdf](https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Commission%20Financial%20Report%20June%202026.pdf)
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5 **CLIMATE & OCEAN CHANGE POLICY REPORT**

6 Building Resilient Landscapes: Oregon's Territorial Sea Plan at Work

7 Andy Lanier, Department of Land Conservation and Development
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9 This report is available in the meeting materials and at
10 https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Presentation_Climate%20Change%20Report.pdf
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12 **Adopt Temporary Rules**

13 The Commission ratified the following temporary rules. The twenty (20) temporary rules were
14 previously adopted by the director under her emergency action authority.
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16 1.) 635-016-0500

17 Set Days for the Recreational Spring Salmon Fishery in the Columbia River

18 Filed 05/18/2026

19 This rule allows for angling and harvest of kokanee in Lemolo Reservoir and Hemlock Lake.

20 Anglers may retain up to 10 per day and there is no size limit.
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22 2.) 635-041-0045

23 Authorize Sales in Yakama Nation Treaty Commercial Spring Tributary Fishery

24 Filed 05/19/2026

25 This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in the Drano Lake permit fisheries as
26 enacted by the Yakama Nation from May 19 - June 17, 2026.
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28 3.) 635-023-0125

29 Set Days for the Recreational Spring Salmon Fishery in the Columbia River

30 Filed 05/20/2026

31 This amended rule adds open days for the Columbia River recreational spring
32 salmon/steelhead fisheries downstream and upstream of Bonneville Dam. Modifications are
33 consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of
34 Oregon and Washington on May 19, 2026.
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36 4.) 635-041-0045

37 Authorize Sales in Treaty Commercial Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

38 Filed 05/27/2026

39 These amended rules authorize the sales of fish caught in Treaty Indian commercial platform
40 and hook-and-line fisheries below Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River starting on May 28.
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1 5.) 635-041-0076

2 Authorize Sales in Treaty Zone 6 and Yakama Nation Tributary Commercial Fisheries
3 Filed 05/27/2026

4 This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in the following treaty fisheries:
5 Platform and hook-and-line fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from May 28
6 through June 15, and Yakama Nation tributary fisheries from May 28 through June 15.
7 Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for
8 the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on May 27,
9 2026.

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11 6.) 635-021-0510

12 Modifications to Thief Valley, Wolf Creek, and Pilcher Creek Reservoirs in the SE Zone
13 Filed 05/28/2026

14 Effective June 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, minimum and maximum size limits, as
15 well as the daily and possession bag limits for rainbow trout and bass are suspended for the
16 SE Zone water bodies known as Thief Valley Reservoir, Wolf Creek Reservoir, and Pilcher
17 Creek Reservoir, which are located in Union County, Oregon. Harvest will be allowed by
18 hand, dip net, or angling. A person with a valid Two-Rod Validation may use any number of
19 rods.

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21 7.) 635-019-0510

22 Close Angling for and Retention of Spring Chinook in the Umatilla River
23 Filed 05/28/2026

24 This amended rule closes recreational spring Chinook salmon retention in the Umatilla River
25 Basin from May 30, 2026, through June 30, 2026. The closure extends from the Hwy 730
26 bridge near the mouth of the Umatilla River upstream to the Confederated Tribes of the
27 Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) reservation boundary, and from the upper border of the
28 reservation to the Umatilla headwaters, including all tributaries.

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30 8.) 635-017-0090

31 Allow Temporary Use of Two Rod Validation in the Willamette River
32 Filed 06/02/2026

33 This amended rule allows use of the two-rod validation while fishing for all species, except
34 sturgeon, in the Willamette River and tributaries from June 3 through July 31, 2026.

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36 9.) 635-024-0090

37 Snake River Chinook Closure
38 Filed 06/03/2026

39 Closed for Chinook salmon from the Dug Bar Boat Ramp upstream to Hells Canyon Dam.

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41 10.) 635-023-0125

42 Set Days for the Recreational Spring Salmon Fishery in the Columbia River
43 Filed 06/04/2026

44 This amended rule adds open days for the Columbia River recreational spring

1 salmon/steelhead fisheries downstream and upstream of Bonneville Dam. Modifications are
2 consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of
3 Oregon and Washington on June 3, 2026.

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5 11.) 635-005-0290, 635-005-0355

6 Implement Adaptive Management Modifications to the Subtidal Yaquina Bay Commercial
7 Clam Fisheries
8 Filed 06/04/2026

9 These amended rules will prohibit harvest of commercial subtidal clams Yaquina Bay.

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11 12.) 635-039-0085

12 Pacific Halibut All-Depth Fishing Days Added to the Columbia River Subarea
13 Filed 06/05/2026

14 The proposed rule amendment provides additional Pacific halibut fishing opportunities
15 during the month of June for the Columbia River subarea as quota attainment is low through
16 the month of May.

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18 13.) 635-021-0500

19 Upper Klamath Lake Area Angling Regulations
20 Filed 06/10/2026

21 The angling regulations for Crystal Creek, Fourmile Creek, Fourmile Canal, Harriman Creek,
22 Klamath Lake, Odessa Creek, Recreation Creek, Short Creek, and Thomason Creek are being
23 modified to remove harvest for rainbow trout and the use of bait for all species from June
24 15 – October 31. Catch-and-release for rainbow trout and flies and artificial lures will be
25 allowed during this time.

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27 14.) 635-023-0128

28 Set Columbia River Recreational Salmon/Steelhead Summer Season Regulations and Enact
29 Thermal Angling Sanctuaries
30 Filed 06/12/2026

31 This amended rule sets the Columbia River recreational salmon and steelhead fisheries from
32 June 16 through July 31 (summer season). This amended rule closes angling in portions of
33 the mainstem Columbia River adjacent to the mouths of Eagle Creek and the Deschutes
34 River, and that portion of Herman Creek and Lagoon within the Columbia River Zone
35 beginning July 15. This amended rule closes angling in the lower portion of Tanner Creek
36 and in a portion of the mainstem Columbia River adjacent to the mouth of Tanner Creek
37 through July 15.

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39 15.) 635-041-0076

40 Authorize Sales in Treaty Zone 6 and Yakama Nation Tributary Summer-Season Commercial
41 Fisheries
42 Filed 06/15/2026

43 This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in the following treaty fisheries: Gillnet
44 fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from June 16 through June 19; Gillnet fishery

1 in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from June 22 through June 24; and. Gillnet fishery in
2 Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from June 29 through July 1. Platform and hook-and-
3 line fishery in Zone 6 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) from June 16 through July 31, and
4 Yakama Nation tributary fisheries from June 16 through July 31. Modifications are consistent
5 with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and Wildlife for the States of Oregon and
6 Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on June 10, 2026.

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8 16.) 635-041-0045

9 Authorize Sales in Treaty Commercial Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

10 Filed 06/15/2026

11 This amended rule authorizes the sale of fish caught in Treaty Indian commercial platform
12 and hook-and-line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam in the Columbia River starting on
13 June 16. Modifications are consistent with actions taken by the Departments of Fish and
14 Wildlife for the States of Oregon and Washington at a Columbia River Compact hearing on
15 June 10, 2026.

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17 17.) 635-019-0500

18 Enact Steelhead Fishery Regulations

19 Filed 06/15/2026

20 This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead to one from June 16
21 through August 31 in the lower portion of the John Day River.

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23 18.) 635-018-0500

24 Enact Steelhead Fishery Regulations

25 Filed 06/15/2026

26 This amended rule reduces the daily bag limit for hatchery steelhead to one from June 16
27 through July 14 in the lower portion of Eagle Creek and the lower portion of the Deschutes
28 River. It also closes these locations to angling from July 15 through September 15.

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30 19.) 635-004-0585

31 2026 Commercial Pacific Halibut Fisheries Federal References Corrections

32 Filed 06/18/2026

33 The proposed rule amendment regulates the 2026 commercial Pacific halibut fishery by
34 establishing fishery allocation, fishery periods, and fishery period limits for Oregon state-
35 water fisheries, ensuring and promoting consistency with federally adopted regulations, and
36 incorporating housekeeping and technical updates. This amendment incorporates federal
37 regulations that were not available at the time of the original filing and corrects a clerical
38 error in a federal reference.

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40 20.) 635-023-0128

41 Modify Columbia River Recreational Salmon/Steelhead Summer Season Regulations

42 Filed 06/18/2026

43 This amended rule modifies the start date for sockeye retention in the Columbia River
44 summer season recreational salmon/steelhead fisheries.

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2 Action:

3 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to ratify the twenty temporary rules set forth in the June 26,
4 2026, agenda. Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously,
5 seven (7) in favor. Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde; Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison
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7 **COMMISSION UPDATES**

8 No Commission Action: Informational Only

9 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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11 **PUBLIC FORUM**

12 This part of the agenda was for comments on topics not scheduled on the agenda. The
13 Commission will be unable to take action on items brought to their attention in this forum.
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15 *Introduction and update on Mule Deer Foundation & Blacktail Deer Foundation of*
16 *Oregon*

17 Candy Yow, Mule Deer & Blacktail Deer Foundation
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19 *Columbia River Summer Steelhead*

20 David Moskowitz, Wild Fish and Wild River Advocates
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22 *Reduced Opportunity*

23 Bryan Ricks
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25 **Exhibit A: COMMISSION MINUTES**

26 Action:

27 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to approve the April 24 and May 15, 2026, meeting
28 minutes with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Commissioner Moldal
29 seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde,
30 Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison
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32 **EXHIBIT B: 2027-29 AGENCY REQUESTED BUDGET (ARB)**

33 The Commission approved the 2027-29 Agency Request Budget.

34 *Commission Action: Approval*

35 Ken Loffink, Chief Operating Officer

36 Shaun Clements, Deputy Director of Fish & Wildlife Programs
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38 Ken and Shaun provided the Commission with a presentation on the department's 2027-2029
39 Agency Request Budget. They outlined a strategic, collaborative approach to conservation,
40 emphasizing resilience for species, lands, and waters amid climate challenges. The budget
41 proposes \$835.7 million in total funds, an increase driven by investments in wildlife recovery,
42 stewardship, connectivity, and infrastructure, including implementation of HB 4134 and
43 landscape-scale projects. Key initiatives focus on science-based actions, stakeholder
44 engagement, and maintaining core operations, with targeted funding for habitat restoration,

1 monitoring, and public outreach. The plan leverages partnerships, prioritizes at-risk species, and
2 supports both urban and rural communities, aiming to advance Oregon's conservation goals
3 while remaining adaptable to evolving guidance from state leadership
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5 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
6 https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Ex%20B_Budget%20Presentation.pdf
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8 Public Testimony

Jeff Dose
James Fraiser, Trout Unlimited
Sristi Kamal, Western Environmental Law
Kirk Blaine, Wild Salmon Center
Charles Gehr, Native Fish Society
Jennifer Fairbrothers, Native Fish Society
Kelly Petherson, Humane World for Animals
Emily Sullivan, Think Wild
Danielle Moser, Oregon Wild
Jake Crawford, Steamboaters
Alex Hardison
David Moskowitz, Wild Fish and Wild River Advocates
Larry Phillips
Jim Muck, Oregon Anglers Alliance
Amy Partick, Oregon Chapter – Wild Sheep Foundation
Todd Adkins, Oregon Hunters Association
Steve Hagan, Oregon Hunters Association
Monica Tomosy, Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network
Stan Steele, OTA, OUSDA, OAA
Alex Hardison

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10 Action:

11 Commissioner Hall Defrees moved to approve the department's 2027-29 Agency Request Budget,
12 with recognition that further adjustments could be made by the department based on DAS Chief
13 Financial Office or Governor's Office guidance, or as budgetary estimates are refined.

14 Commissioner Labhart seconded the motion. Motion rescinded
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16 Chair Wahl moved to recommend the removal of Pop 117 from the budget. Commissioner Moldal
17 seconded the motion; motion failed. Three (3) in favor: Morrison; Moldal, Wahl; four (4)
18 Opposed: Spelbrink; Labhart, Hall Defrees, Hatfield-Hyde.
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20 Commissioner Hall Defrees moved to approve the department's 2027-29 Agency Request Budget,
21 with recognition that further adjustments could be made by the department based on DAS Chief
22 Financial Office or Governor's Office guidance, or as budgetary estimates are refined.

23 Commissioner Hatfield- Hyde seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in
24 favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.

1 **EXHIBIT C: OREGON FURBEARER TRAPPING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS**

2 The commission adopted rules for furbearer trapping and hunting for 2027/28.

3 *Commission Action: Rulemaking*

4 Derek Broman, Game Program Manager

5 Sam Fino, Carnivore and Furbearer Coordinator

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7 Derek and Sam provided the Commission with a presentation outlining the proposed
8 2026-2028 furbearer regulations. They emphasize data-driven management for long-term
9 population health, including mandatory harvest reporting, biological sampling, and habitat
10 restoration efforts. Key proposals include incorporating recent bill language prohibiting beaver
11 harvest on impaired waterways on public lands while also maintaining current beaver harvest
12 reporting and seasons, keeping river otter harvest open statewide, and enforcing trap restrictions
13 in certain national forests. Harvest data from 2023-2025 shows most activity occurs on private
14 land and navigable waters, with minimal public land harvest. Staff recommend no changes to
15 bobcat bag limits or harvest seasons for several other species, and highlight ongoing education,
16 outreach, and public input as integral to regulation development

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18 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
19 https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Ex%20C_Presentation.pdf
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21 Public Testimony

Emily Sullivan, Think Wild

Andrew DeHart, Oregon Trappers Association

Fran Recht

Suzanne Fouty

Story Warren, Humane World for Animals

Mary Fleschmann, Central/Eastern Oregon Chapter of the Great Old Boards for Wilderness

Todd Adkins, Oregon Hunters Association

Carl Berg, Oregon Hunter Association

Amy Patrick, Big Horn Sheep Foundation

Jeremy Watson, Vice President, Oregon Trappers Association

Jim Soares, Oregon Trappers Association

Shane Byerly

Doug Nichol, Oregon Trappers Association

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23 Action:

24 Commissioner Labhart moved to approve OAR Chapter 635, Division 050 as proposed by staff and
25 shown in Attachment 4 including the changes shown in Addendum 1. Commissioner Spelbrink
26 seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde,
27 Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.
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29 **EXHIBIT D: 2026 OREGON COASTAL FALL SALMON SEASONS**

30 The Commission adopted rules for coastal fall Chinook and Coho harvest in 2026.

31 *Commission Action: Rulemaking*

1 Cassie Leeman - Salmon Fishery Analyst
2 Chris Lorion, Native Fish Conservation Coordinator
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4 Cassie and Chris provided the Commission with a presentation on the proposed 2026 Oregon
5 Coastal Wild Fall Salmon Angling Regulations. The proposed rules revised regulations for wild fall
6 Chinook and coho salmon based on annual population reviews and restructured the rules for
7 consistency and clarity. Wild fall Chinook harvest is managed under frameworks in the Coastal
8 Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan and Rogue Fall Chinook Conservation Plan,
9 which scale harvest to population health. Based on the annual review, wild fall Chinook retention
10 was proposed to be open in 18 coastal basins, with increased bag limits in several basins
11 compared to 2025. Coho salmon runs continue to be strong, reflecting conservation successes.
12 Multiple state and federal plans guide management and conservation of coastal coho salmon,
13 and wild coho salmon fisheries require federal approval. The department proposed wild coho
14 salmon fisheries in 10 coastal basins projected to meet fishery mortality and spawning
15 escapement criteria; fisheries were not proposed in the Alsea and Umpqua basins because they
16 are not projected to meet escapement criteria. Overall, the 2026 proposed fall coastal fisheries
17 allow for robust opportunity in most basins while ensuring sustainability of runs and protection of
18 weak stocks.
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20 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
21 https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Exhibit%20D_Presentation.pdf
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23 Public Testimony

Bob Buckman
Kirk Blaine, Wild Salmon Center
Scott Amerman, Oregon Anglers Alliance & Siletz Anglers Alliance
Stan Steele, Oregon Anglers Alliance

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25 Action:

26 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to adopt the staff recommendation and amend OAR
27 Chapter 635, Divisions 013, 014 and 016 as proposed by staff in Attachment 3.
28 Commissioner Hall Defrees seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in
29 favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.
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31 Commissioner Spelbrink moved to direct department staff to ask National Marine Fisheries
32 Service (NMFS) to approve an Alsea Basin wild coho fishery designed to remain below the
33 designated exploitation rate. Ideally a minimum of 30 open days with a one and three bag limit.
34 Commissioner Hall Defrees seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor;
35 Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.
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37 **EXHIBIT E: COMMERCIAL COASTAL PELAGIC SPECIES FISHERIES RULE AMENDMENTS**

38 The Commission adopted rules for Sardine harvest in 2026/27.

39 *Commission Action: Rulemaking*

40 Lynn Mattes - Marine Fisheries Management Section Leader

Lynn provided the Commission with a presentation outlining the biology, distribution, and fluctuating abundance of Pacific sardines, emphasizing that population trends are driven by ocean conditions. It detailed the federal management framework for the 2026-2027 fishery, including scientific surveys, stock assessments, and harvest control rules. Key regulatory measures for the upcoming season are based on a stock biomass of 30,158 metric tons, with specific limits set for overfishing, acceptable biological catch, annual catch, and target levels. The Council prohibits directed fisheries when biomass falls below 150,000 metric tons but allows limited harvest for live bait, minor fisheries, and incidental catch. Accountability measures and ongoing research may lead to management changes starting in the 2027-28 fishery, as new findings suggest a single panmictic stock for Pacific sardine.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Exhibit%20E_Presentation.pdf

No Public Testimony

Action:

Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to adopt the federal regulations, by reference, as shown in Attachment 3 for Pacific sardine fisheries for 2026-27. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison

EXHIBIT F: OREGON CONSERVATION & RECREATION FUND PROJECT APPROVAL

The Commission approved funding for the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee's recommended projects.

Commission Action: Approval

Reva Gillman, ORCF Program Coordinator

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator

Reva provided the Commission with a presentation on the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee's recommendation to approve funding for 19 diverse conservation and outdoor recreation projects totaling \$436,297, selected from 90 proposals statewide. The projects span a wide range of ecoregions, species, and applicant backgrounds, including initiatives to assess gray whale health, save the Mazama newt, engage underserved youth in bilingual wildlife education, and reconnect Indigenous families to ancestral waterways. Notably, 68% of the selected projects are new grantees, advancing the goals of the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) and promoting outdoor equity. The staff recommends commission approval, emphasizing the program's commitment to science-based conservation, research, and broadening access to outdoor opportunities.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at
https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Exhibit%20F_Presentation.pdf

1 No Public Testimony

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5 Action:

6 Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to approve the 19 projects recommended for funding
7 by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee as described in
8 Attachment 2. Commissioner Moldal seconded the motion, and the motion was carried
9 seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal,
10 Morrison.

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12 **EXHIBIT G: RESTORATION & ENHANCEMENT FUNDING APPROVAL**

13 The Commission approved funding for the Restoration and Enhancement Board
14 recommended projects.

15 *Commission Action: Approval*

16 Marty Olson, R&E/STEP Coordinator

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18 Marty provided the commission with a presentation outlining the Restoration and Enhancement
19 Program's Cycle 3 projects, which include large wood placement in Whetstone Creek, the
20 purchase of a fyke net, Tiger Muskellunge research, GRWB egg counter acquisition, and STEP
21 hatchery improvements; staff recommended approving these projects as proposed by the
22 Restoration and Enhancement Board, emphasizing their alignment with Oregon Department of
23 Fish and Wildlife's goals for habitat restoration and fisheries enhancement.

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25 *This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at*
26 https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Ex%20H_Presentation.pdf

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28 No Public Testimony

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30 Action:

31 Commissioner Morrison moved to approve the projects recommended by the Restoration
32 and Enhancement Board as set forth in Attachment 2. Commissioner Moldal seconded the
33 motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart,
34 Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.

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36 **EXHIBIT H: ACCESS & HABITAT PROJECT FUNDING & CHAIR APPOINTMENT**

37 The Commission approved funding for Board recommended projects and appointed Nic
38 Callero board chair.

39 *Commission Action: Approval & Appointment*

40 Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

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42 Travis provided the Commission with a presentation highlighting the Access & Habitat Board's
43 ongoing efforts to expand hunting access and advance habitat conservation, including projects
44 dating back to the 1950s and recent additions such as the Bunker Hill, Four Mile, Nichols, Social

Ridge, and Weyerhaeuser Access Areas, which together maintain hunter access to over 173,000 acres. Staff recommended approval of five new projects proposed by the Board, emphasizing strong landowner relationships and volunteer leadership, and the department further recommended appointing Nic Callero to serve a second four-year term as the Chairman, recognizing his contributions to conservation and leadership within the Board.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Ex%20H_Presentation.pdf

No Public Testimony

Action:

Commissioner Spelbrink moved to approve the five projects recommended for funding by the Access & Habitat Board. Commissioner Moldal seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.

Commissioner Morrison moved to appoint Nic Callero to serve his second four-year term as Chairman on the Access and Habitat Board. Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion, and the motion was carried seven (7) in favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.

EXHIBIT I: 2027 AUCTION RAFFLE TAG ALLOCATIONS

The Commission approved allocation of auction and raffle tags for 2027.

Commission Action: Approval

Travis Schultz, Access & Habitat Program Coordinator

Travis presented the proposed allocation for the 2027 Oregon Big Game Auction and Raffle Tags, highlighting both the financial outcomes from the previous year and the recommendations for the upcoming cycle. The presentation detailed revenue figures for 2026, including substantial funds raised through both auction and raffle for deer, elk, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn tags. Staff and the Access & Habitat Board recommended that the Commission approve the 2027 tag allocations as proposed, emphasizing the continued support for wildlife conservation through these fundraising mechanisms.

This presentation is located in the commission material and can be viewed at https://myodfw.com/sites/default/files/2026-06/Ex%20I_Presentation.pdf

No Public Testimony

Action:

Commissioner Hatfield-Hyde moved to approve the 2027 auction and raffle big game tag allocations as proposed by staff and the A&H Board and shown in attachments 2 and 3.

- 1 Commissioner Spelbrink seconded the motion and the motion was carried seven (7) in
- 2 favor; Wahl, Hatfield-Hyde, Labhart, Spelbrink, Hall Defrees, Moldal, Morrison.
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- 4 Chair Wahl adjourned the meeting at ____ p.m.