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-- REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS -- Columbia River Commercial Fishing Advisory Group

The Oregon and Washington Departments of Fish and Wildlife are seeking nominations for membership on the Columbia River Commercial Fishing Advisory Group. The nomination period is open through November 30, 2017.

Purpose

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to advise both Departments on issues affecting commercial fisheries in the Columbia River. These issues include optimizing fisheries within Endangered Species Act (ESA) constraints, management agreement catch balances, and harvest framework allocations by helping design fishery structures, and refinement of fishing gears and techniques.

Composition of Advisory Group

Up to 20 individuals will serve as advisors for a three-year term (January 2018-December 2020). Current advisors can reapply and may be re-appointed. Advisors will be selected to represent commercial fishing interests throughout the lower Columbia and Select Areas in both states, and to reflect participation in all segments of the Columbia River commercial fishing sector.

Meetings

It is anticipated that the advisors will meet as a group 2-4 times per year, including public meetings held as part of the North of Falcon season planning process. The Advisory Group will also be expected to provide guidance to the Columbia River Compact through attendance and testimony. In addition, other meetings and conference calls with selected advisors may be required to address narrower-focus issues. Advisors will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

Expectations of Advisory Group Members

Expectations for advisors include attendance at most of the Advisory Group meetings, and participation in the North of Falcon and Columbia River Compact processes. Participation in these meetings will require advisors to remain informed on the issues pertinent to their areas of concern. The Departments also expect the advisors to provide objective assessments, based on

experience and first hand knowledge, about the nature and conduct of fisheries and of the associated businesses. With the aid of staff from both Departments, advisors will be called upon to recommend how commercial fisheries can be shaped to optimally meet conservation needs of various stocks, harvest objectives, and market plans. In addition, advisors shall act as communication links between the two Departments and the commercial fishing interests in their areas, transmitting key information to fishers, retailers, and others. For example, the Departments expect advisors to communicate regularly with local constituents about the context and reasons for various policy and fishery decisions.

Interactions with Other Advisory Groups

Intermittently, interaction among this group and other advisory groups may be appropriate to address regional or statewide issues across species. For instance, the Departments may occasionally schedule meetings of commercial and recreational fishery and industry representatives in the different fishing sectors.

Submitting Nominations

Any group or individual may submit nominations. Advisors will be selected based on their experience in the fisheries, willingness to engage in the management process, and their ability to communicate with fishery managers and other organizations. Nominees do not need to be affiliated with an organized group. Current members may re-apply by contacting staff and expressing interest in serving an additional term. **Nominations for new advisors must be accompanied by a résumé of the nominee, including the following information:**

1. Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of nominee.
2. Experience (specify the amount and kind of experience including species and areas of interest) and reason(s) for interest in being an advisor.
3. Description of how communications will occur with regional constituents.
4. Name, address, and telephone number of individual or organization submitting nomination.

Nominations can be submitted to ODFW by mail at 17330 SE Evelyn St., Clackamas, OR 97015 by FAX at (971) 673-6072, or by email to john.a.north@state.or.us. **Nominations must be received no later than November 30, 2017.** The Directors of ODFW and WDFW will appoint the advisory group members from the list of nominations, based on their qualifications and to achieve the composition of the group described above. For more information, please contact either Tim Sippel at (360) 906-6752 or John North at (971) 673-6029.