

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) is a seven-person board appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to advise Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (department) staff on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding and reporting. Three members represent agricultural interests, three represent fishing or fish conservation interests, and one member is appointed to represent the public. FSTF members serve a two-year term, with the possibility of serving three consecutive terms. There is currently one open position on the task force to represent agriculture.

John Benton served as an agriculture representative for three two-year terms and is not eligible for reappointment. The Commission is responsible for appointing task force members and will be appointing one member to fill the current vacancy.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public recruitment for this FSTF position was accomplished through a statewide news release, advertisement on the department website, email notification to applicable organizations, and direct contact with people who have expressed an interest in becoming involved with this group.

ISSUE 1

APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL AN AGRICULTURE POSITION ON THE FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE.

ANALYSIS

Two people submitted applications for this open seat. Applications were reviewed based on their response to questions regarding their interest in the position, experience with agriculture and agricultural organizations, fish screening or other water related experience, and experience with public boards. After review of the applications by staff, references were contacted for both applicants. Both applicants were interviewed by program staff.

The following individuals applied for the open position:

- Mike Britton, Madras
- Robert D Jensen, Sandy

Mike Britton is the General Manager of a large irrigation district in Central Oregon. Mr. Britton has been a member of several organizations that represent irrigation and agricultural interests, including his current role as an Executive Committee Member of the Oregon Water Resources Congress. He is also responsible for the operation and maintenance of two screened diversions. Mr. Britton resides and works in Central Oregon, an area not represented on the FSTF in a number of years.

Robert Jensen is a Control Area Operator for Portland General Electric. Mr. Jensen owns and operates a small farm and has raised cattle and sheep. He has also been involved with Sandy High School Future Farmers of America and County Fairs.

Staff recommends the appointment of Mike Britton due to his extensive experience working with both agricultural water users and fish screens, and the geographic void he is able to fill on the task force.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint a new member to the FSTF from the list of candidates.
2. Reject the list of candidates and re-solicit for new candidates.

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

1. Mike Britton

DRAFT MOTION	I move to appoint _____ as an agricultural representative on the Fish Screening Task Force.
EFFECTIVE DATE	June 3, 2010