

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-at-large. 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 the public-at-large and one open position for fishing/fish conservation.

The Commission is responsible for appointing task force members and will be appointing one member to fill each current vacancy. Mark Wharry served as the public-at-large representative for three two-year terms and is not eligible for reappointment. Tony Brauner served as the fishing/fish conservation representative for three two-year terms and is not eligible for reappointment.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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

ISSUE 1

APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL A FISHING OR FISH CONSERVATION POSITION AND A PUBLIC AT LARGE POSITION ON THE FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE.

ANALYSIS

Four people submitted applications for these open positions. Applications were reviewed based on their response to questions regarding their interest in the position, experience with angling and fish conservation organizations, fish screening or other water-related experience, and experience with public boards. After review of the applications by staff, all applicants were interviewed and references contacted.

The following individuals applied for the public-at-large position:

- Les Perkins, Parkdale
- Monique Chrisman, Otis
- Eric Anderson, Corvallis

The following individuals applied for the fishing/fish conservation position:

- Douglas Markle, Corvallis
- Les Perkins, Parkdale
- Monique Chrisman, Otis
- Eric Anderson, Corvallis

See Attachment 3 for a summary of the candidates.

All four applicants are well qualified and would make great additions to the Fish Screening Task Force. Staff recommends the appointment of Les Perkins for the public-at-large appointment due his extensive work with fish screens in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. The staff also recommends Douglas Markle for the fishing/fish conservation appointment due to his extensive work with fish conservation in Oregon and his research involving Klamath suckers and entrainment issues at fish screens.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint two new members to the FSTF from the list of candidates as recommended by staff.
2. Reject the list of candidates and re-solicit for new candidates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint Les Perkins for Public-at-Large Fish Screening Task Force position.
2. Appoint Douglas Markle for Fishing/Fish Conservation Fish Screening Task Force position.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to appoint _____ as the Public-at-Large representative on the Fish Screening Task Force and _____ as a Fishing/Fish Conservation representative on the Fish Screening Task Force.

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 10, 2014