

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

At the October 3, 2014 meeting in Tillamook, the R&E Board recommended 11 projects for funding, totaling \$651,452. This is the sixth of seven funding cycles for the 2013-2015 biennium. If the Commission adopts the recommendations, \$607,292 of the \$4,642,000 estimated R&E program budget for the 2013-2015 biennium will remain.

Currently, there are two vacancies on the R&E Board; one Sport Fishing and one Gillnet position. Current R&E Board members and locations are listed in Attachment 6.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

R&E Board meetings are open to the public and are considered, “public meetings” under the Oregon Public Meetings laws. Notice of upcoming meetings and board recruitments is provided upon request, advertised in the R&E/STEP publication “FishWorks”, listed on the ODFW website, and distributed via news release to statewide and local media.

ISSUE 1

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS

ANALYSIS

A summary of all projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachments 2-3).

OPTIONS

- Option 1. Approve R&E Board recommendations.
- Option 2. Reject individual projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION	I move to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board (with the following exceptions...)
EFFECTIVE DATE	December 5th, 2014

ISSUE 2

R&E BOARD APPOINTMENT (Sport Fishing and Gill Net Positions)

ANALYSIS

A total of nine candidates applied for the vacant sport fishing board position and two candidates applied for the gillnet position (see Attachment 4). After reviewing applications for the positions, the three highest scoring sport applicants and both gill net applicants were selected for interviews. Interviews were conducted in-person (three candidates) and by telephone (two candidates).

R&E Board applicant qualifications were considered using the following criteria:

- Angling interests;
- Participation in fishing organizations;
- Familiarity with Oregon's fish management programs;
- Understanding of the ODFW and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission;
- Availability for R&E Board duties;
- Interpersonal skills;
- Experience working with or representing the public;
- Experience with public service (boards, committees, etc.);
- General "fit" with current Board members (e.g. area of expertise, location in state).

Three ODFW staff and two R&E Board members were included on the interview panel. The highest-scoring candidates from each category are being forwarded to the Commission for consideration. These applications are included in Attachment 5.

OPTIONS

Option 1. Approve R&E Board recommendation for the Sport Fishing and Gillnet positions.

Option 2. Reject the R&E Board recommendation and select other finalist.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Sport Fishing Recommendation - Staff recommends that Richard Heap of Brookings be appointed to the vacant **Sport Fishing** position on the R&E Board:

Richard Heap is a retired fish and wildlife manager from Nevada and past STEP Advisory Committee member. Mr. Heap is being recommended based on the following criteria:

- Familiarity with the fishing community and ODFW;
- Strong commitment to fishery resources and public involvement;
- Ability to critically evaluate R&E grant proposals for clarity and applicability;
- Respect for the diversity of groups and opinions present in the angling community;
- Understanding of fish management, ODFW policies and processes, the Commission, the STEP Program, and the R&E Program;
- Current and prior experience on advisory committees and other fishing club boards.

Recommendation #2 - Staff recommends Cary Johnson of Astoria be appointed to the vacant **Gillnet** position on the R&E Board:

Cary Johnson is a fourth generation gillnet fisherman and active participant in the gillnet fishery. Mr. Johnson is being recommended based on the following criteria:

- Familiarity with the gillnet fishing community;
- Ability to represent the gillnet fishery;
- Previous involvement with ODFW processes;
- Recommendation from, and leadership of, the gill net association "Salmon for All";
- Ability to critically evaluate R&E grant proposals for applicability;
- Support and understanding of ODFW policies and the R&E Program;

DRAFT MOTION	(Sport Fishing Board Appointment) I move to appoint _____ to a four year term as the Sport Fishing representative on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board. (Gillnet Board Appointment) I move to appoint _____ to a four year term as the Gill Net representative on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board.
EFFECTIVE DATE	December 5, 2014.