

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 to help fund fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state. The program is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees and is overseen by a seven-member citizen board made up of three sport fishing representatives, three representatives from the troll, gillnet and seafood processing industries and one public-at-large representative. The Board reviews grant proposals from various organizations and agencies and recommends projects for funding.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet three or four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony, act as liaisons between the program and the public and to conduct other program business.

There will soon be three vacancies on the R&E Board; one Sport Fishing, one Troll, and one Seafood Processing.

- The Troll representative will end his first term on August 31, 2015. He is not able to serve a second term.
- The Sport representative will end his second term on October 12, 2015.
- The Seafood Processing representative will end her second term on October 12, 2015.

Current R&E Board members and locations are listed in Attachment 4.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Notice of 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. Current Board members are invited to assist with candidate selection.

ISSUE 1 ANALYSIS

R&E BOARD APPOINTMENT (Sport Fishing and Troll Positions)

A total of eight candidates applied for the sport fishing board position and three candidates applied for the troll position (see Attachment 2). No applications were received for the seafood processing position so the recruitment will be reopened. After reviewing applications for the positions, the four highest scoring sport applicants and all three troll applicants were selected for interviews. Interviews were conducted in-person (four candidates) and by telephone (three 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 one R&E Board member were included on the interview panel. The highest-scoring candidates for each position are being forwarded to the Commission for consideration. Applications for the highest scoring candidates are included in Attachment 3.

OPTIONS

Option 1. Approve staff recommendations for the R&E Board.

Option 2. Reject the staff recommendations for the R&E Board and select another applicant.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Sport Fishing Recommendation #1 - Staff recommends the Yancy Lind of Bend be appointed to the **Sport Fishing** position on the R&E Board:

Yancy is a financial advisor from central Oregon, a passionate angler, and has been extensively involved in several efforts and organizations including STEP. He has been involved with many fisheries issues in the central Oregon area. Yancy’s financial experience and local involvement has provided him with unique skill set that will be a benefit to the board. Yancy will also be able to represent central Oregon area angling interests, an area that has historically been under represented on the R&E Board. Yancy 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.

Alternate Sport Choice:

If the Commission does not concur with the above recommendation, staff recommends David Grosjacques as an alternate. The interview panel ranked him nearly equal to Yancy. David has an extensive background and has been actively involved for decades in fishery related activities and groups in both the Umpqua and Upper Rogue River basins. He has also worked extensively with ODFW staff and served on STAC.

Troll Recommendation #2 - Staff recommends Ray Monroe of Pacific City be appointed to the **Troll** position on the R&E Board:

Ray is an active Troller, an Oregon Salmon Commissioner, a Pacific City Doryman's Association Board Member, and has worked with the Tillamook Soil and Water Conservation District for 19 years. The Oregon Salmon Commission recommended Ray and noted that he would be able to represent the troll industry. Ray is being recommended based on the following criteria:

- Active involvement in the Troll fishery;
- Ability to represent the troll fishing community;
- Previous involvement with ODFW processes;
- Recommendation from the Oregon Salmon Commission;
- Ability to critically evaluate R&E grant proposals for applicability;
- Support and understanding of ODFW policies and the R&E Program.

Alternate Choice:

Staff does not recommend an alternate candidate.

DRAFT MOTION	<p>(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.</p> <p>(Troll Board Appointment) I move to appoint_____ to a four year term as the troll representative on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board.</p>
EFFECTIVE DATE	September 1, 2015 for Troll and October 13, 2015 for Sport.