

## Agenda Item Summary

### BACKGROUND

In 1993 the Oregon Legislative Assembly created the Access and Habitat (A&H) program to improve habitat and public hunting access in Oregon. The bill created a citizen board to provide recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) on projects requesting A&H funds. The board is comprised of three landowner representatives, three hunting representatives and Chair representing the public at large. The Commission appoints members to 4 year terms and may reappoint members to a second 4 year term. Responsibilities of the A&H Board, in addition to funding recommendations, include appointment of representatives to Regional Advisory Councils, which provide the first level of review for projects from the six regions. The A&H Board provides the next level of project review, and recommends proposals to the Commission for final consideration and approval.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The Hunter Representative vacancy was advertised to the public through news releases, internet postings, and direct communication with sporting organizations.

#### Item 1

#### Access and Habitat Board Hunter Representative Appointment

### ANALYSIS

The A&H Board has a Hunter Representative vacancy, created when Jim Morrell was appointed as Chair during the January 2016 Commission meeting. ODFW accepted applications for the vacancy from mid-January through February 2016. The Department received 11 applications and formed an internal review committee to rank them using the following criteria:

- Experience and knowledge of hunting
- Involvement in sportsmen/hunter/conservation organizations
- Leadership in sportsmen/hunter/conservation organizations
- Leadership and experience on or with councils/boards/commissions/legislature
- Experience working with and/or representing the public
- Ability/interest in working collaboratively with others
- Participation in the A&H Program
- Ability to foster positive relations between landowners, hunters, and ODFW

The assessment produced the following six top-ranking candidates (listed in alphabetical order).

## Candidate A

- Name: Charlie Corrarino
- Location: Portland Or
- Occupation: Retired ODFW Fish Biologist

Starting as a young boy fishing with his grandfather, Charlie fished and hunted across the US with incursions into Canada, Mexico and Russia. Along the way he spent thirty years as a fish biologist for ODFW including working as the Restoration and Enhancement Coordinator and Salmon Trout Enhancement Program Coordinator for several years. Charlie was the ODFW sport fishing regulation coordinator which required working with people and groups interested in changes to fishing regulations as well as coordination with Oregon Department of Justice and Oregon State Police.

Retired now, he pursues upland birds and is the current president of the Oregon German Wirehaired Pointer Club. For over a decade he has leased and managed bird hunting on 1,000 acres in the John Day area and is working with ODFW and the landowners to treat knapweed and other habitat improvements on this property

## Candidate B

- Name: Kevin Farron
- Location: Bend Or
- Occupation: Sale and Print Production Manager, Entrepreneur

Kevin is a relative new comer to Oregon but has spent his life continuously honing his hunting skills and knowledge. Kevin works full time in Bend, as well as owning a small business in Michigan where he successfully lobbied passage of laws that positively affected his business.

Actively involved in the Oregon Hunters Association and Backcountry Hunter and Anglers (BHA), Kevin was selected by the National Chapter of BHA as the sole representative to Washington DC where he met with members of congress to discuss protection of public lands as well as the integrity of the Antiquities Act and Land and Water Conservation Fund.

## Candidate C

- Name: Philip Hamm
- Location: Hermiston Or
- Occupation: OSU Research and Extension Station Director

Semi-retired lifelong Oregon hunter, Philip has worked in forestry and agriculture and currently is station director at the Hermiston OSU Research and Extension office.

A former professor of plant pathology, Philip is currently on the Hermiston Planning Commission and has extensive experience with boards and commissions including; 12 years on the Hermiston School District Board of Education, 2 years as president, as well as serving on the Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission, Oregon and Washington Potato Commission and the Washington Commission on Pesticide Regulation. He annually attends the local Ducks Unlimited banquet.

### **Candidate D**

- Name: Monty Knudsen
- Location: Beaverton Or.
- Occupation: Retired Fish and Wildlife Biologist, USFWS

A retired US Fish and Wildlife biologist, Monty is an avid bird and big game hunter. Monty spent several years as the Conservation Chair of the California/Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and is a former member of The Wildlife Society.

In his career with USFWS Monty worked closely with ODFW as the State Office Liaison for issues involving wolves, and, at retirement was Assistant Project Leader for USFWS supervising biologists working on environmental contaminant effects to fish and wildlife in Oregon.

### **Candidate E**

- Name: James Stengle
- Location: Troutdale, or
- Occupation: Retired Certified Wildlife Biologist ACOE

Over 50 years a hunter, Jim, an Oregon Master Hunter, is, or has been a member of Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Foundation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Mule Deer Foundation. A Certified Wildlife Biologist, Jim was a West Coast Regional Biologist for NWTf and is a retired Senior Environmental Specialist for the Portland District of the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked on habitat, species management, and issues related to invasive species.

Jim has experience working as part of a commissions and boards, serving three years on the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to the Umatilla Chemical Depot Citizens Advisory Commission.

### **Candidate F**

- Name: Candis Yow
- Location: La Pine, Or
- Occupation: Co-host Extreme Desire TV, Principle Broker Cascade Reality

Candy grew up on large ranches immersed in a heritage of hunting and outdoor activities. She hunts in several western states and is an active member of NRA, RMEF, MDF, OHA attending many of the local, state and national events. As co-host of Extreme Desire TV, a hunting and outdoor skills program and a Principal Real Estate broker Candy is comfortable interacting with the public. She has written articles for Huntress Life, Huntin Fool, and Eastman's along with having columns in Cascade Horsemen and All Breed Horse Source.

Several years ago she helped start the NW Ladies Hunting Camp to introduce women to hunting, conservation ethics and develop skills and confidence needed to be successful and safe hunters. Candy is the current president of the La Pine Rodeo Board and served as president of the Pau Mau Club.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to serve a four-year term as Hunter Representative on the Access and Habitat Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

June 9, 2016