

Agenda Item Summary

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

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, 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.

Two representatives will end their first term during 2019, on September 1st for the Troll Representative and October 13th for the Sport Fishing Representative. Both are eligible for reappointment.

Current R&E Board members and locations are listed in Attachment 2.

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.

ANALYSIS

A total of five candidates applied for the Sport Fishing position and one application was received for the Troll position (see Attachment 2). Applications are included in Attachment 2.

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).

Five ODFW staff reviewed the applications and developed the following recommendations.

Sport Fishing Recommendation

Staff recommends that Yancy Lind be reappointed to represent Oregon sport anglers. Yancy is a financial advisor from central Oregon, a passionate angler, and has been extensively involved with several fisheries issues and organizations in the central Oregon area, including STEP. Mr. Lind’s financial experience, knowledge of fishery issues, and leadership has been a benefit to the R&E Board over the past four years. His continuation on the Board will also ensure that central and eastern Oregon area angling interests continue to be represented on the R&E Board.

Alternate Choice for Sport Fishing:

If the Commission does not concur with the above recommendation, staff recommends Larry Robison from Coquille as an alternate. While his application scored lower than Mr. Lind, the review panel felt his 45 years in park and recreation management, and fishing experience, including strong warm water fishing involvement would be an asset to the R&E Board. Unfortunately, Mr. Robison’s geographic location is very similar to other board members.

Troll Recommendation

Ray Monroe from Pacific City was the only applicant and the review panel recommended that he be reappointed to represent the troll fisheries. The panel felt that he has been a valuable R&E Board member during the past four years and his expertise in habitat restoration is a great addition to the board.

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**

Option 1: Staff recommends Yancy Lind from Bend be reappointed as Sport Fishing Representative and Ray Monroe from Pacific City be reappointed as Troll Representative on the R&E Board.

DRAFT MOTION	I move to reappoint Yancy Lind to a four year term as the Sport Fishing representative and Ray Monroe to a four year term as the Troll representative on the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board.
EFFECTIVE DATE	Sport - October 13, 2019 Troll - September 1, 2019.

BACKGROUND On May 10, 2019, the R&E Board recommended seven projects totaling \$767,646. This is the second funding cycle for the 2019-2021 biennium. If the Commission adopts these recommendations, \$531,379 of the \$5,249,791 biennium allocation will remain.

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 is provided on request, advertised in the R&E/STEP publication *FishWorks*, listed on the ODFW website, and distributed via news release to statewide and local media.

ANALYSIS A summary of the seven projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachments 3-4).

OPTIONS Option 1. Approve the 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 August 5, 2019

BACKGROUND

The Salmon and Trout Advisory Committee (STAC) is a 13-member public advisory committee whose members are appointed by the Governor. STAC reviews Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) policies concerning implementation of salmon and trout enhancement projects and makes recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) and ODFW. The attached 2018 Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Annual Progress Report fulfills a requirement of the Commission to report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the progress of the program under ORS 496.445(8).

**PUBLIC
INVOLVEMENT**

All STAC meetings are open to the public and are “public meetings” under Oregon Public Meeting laws. Notice of upcoming meetings is issued in a statewide press release, advertised in the R&E/STEP publication *FishWorks*, and listed on the ODFW website.

ANALYSIS

This report summarizes STEP activities and accomplishments from October 2017 through September 2018 (Attachment 5). The full report can be found online at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/step/>

OPTIONS

N/A.

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

N/A.

DRAFT MOTION

N/A.

EFFECTIVE DATE