

# CONSERVATION & RECREATION FUND AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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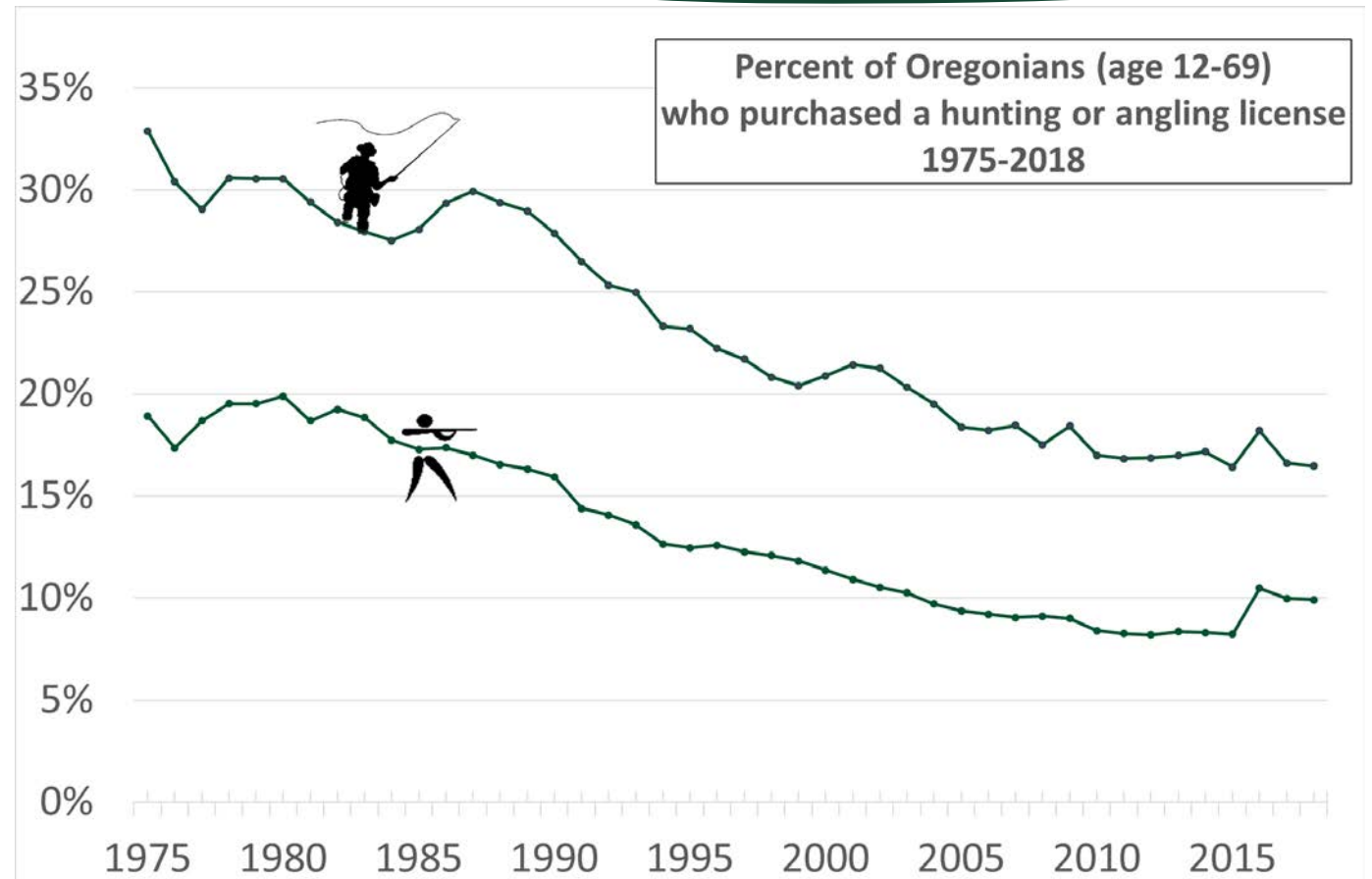
# Presentation Overview

- Recommendations of the Joint Interim Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education
- House Bill 2829
- Staff Recommendation

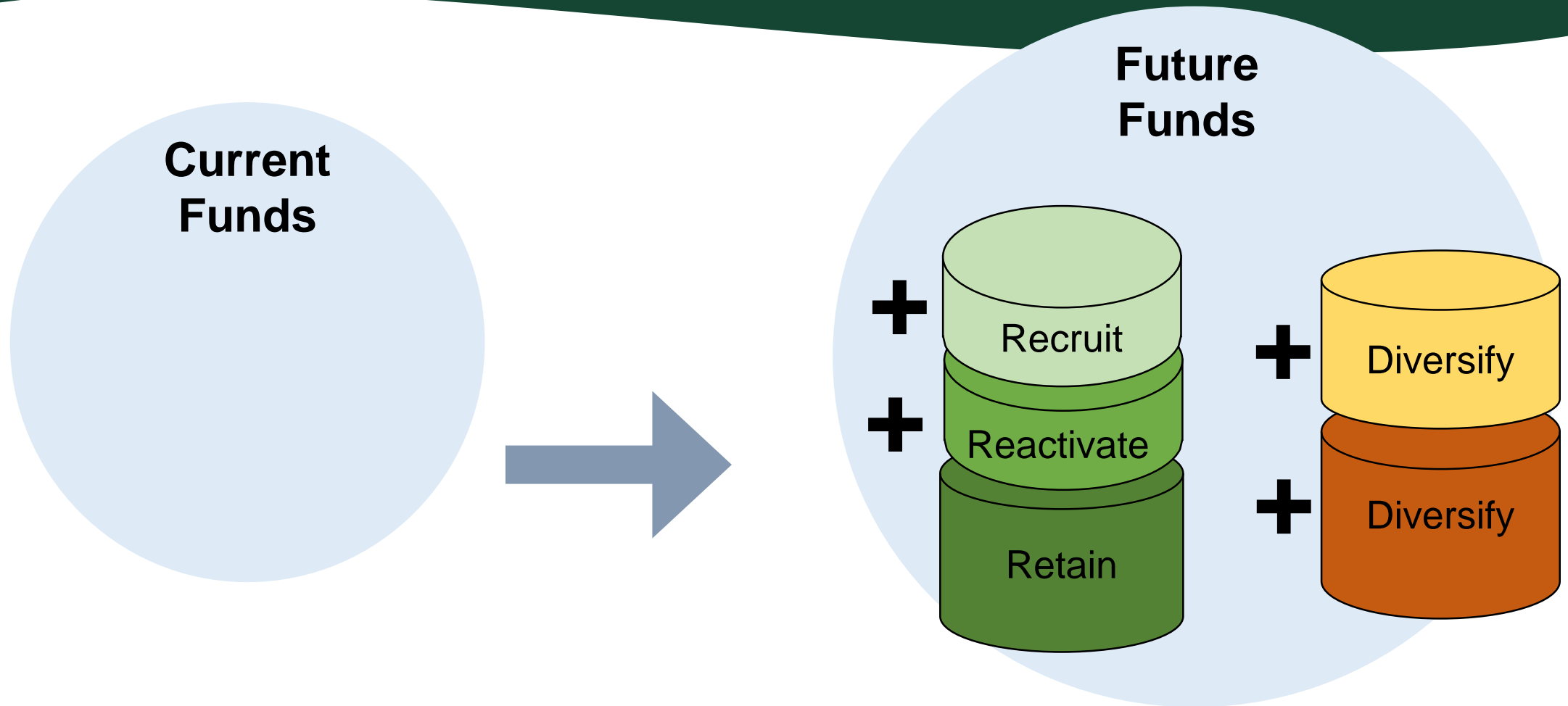
# Alternative Funding Background

In 1975, approximately 33 percent of Oregonians purchased fishing licenses and 20 percent purchased hunting licenses.

Now, 17 percent of Oregonians purchase fishing licenses and 10 percent purchase hunting licenses.



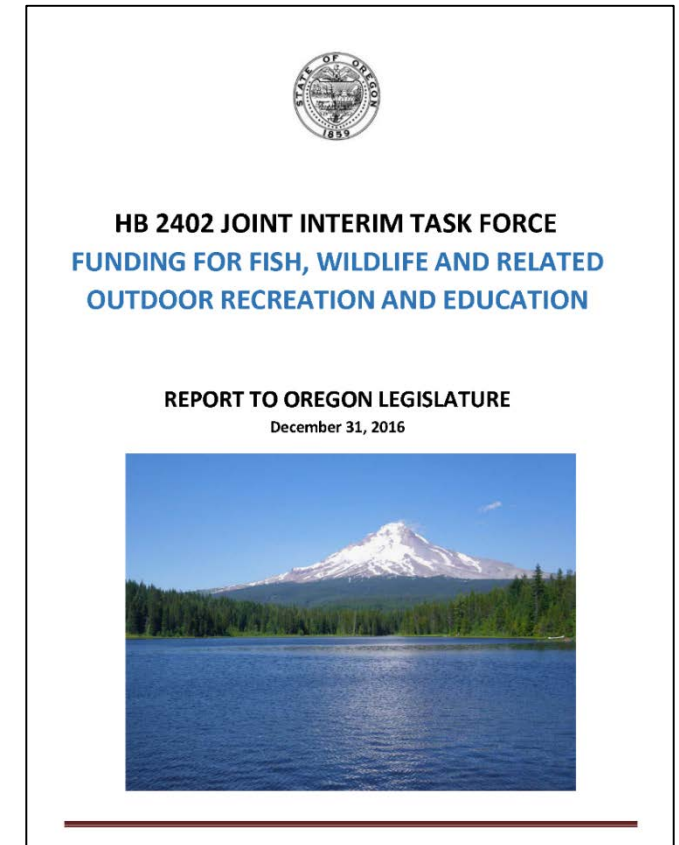
# Pursuit of Future Funding



# Recommendations of the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education

Establish an **Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund** dedicated to conservation, management, research, habitat improvements, administration, enforcement and other activities that protect, maintain or enhance the native fish and wildlife of the state

Identified funding need (or goal) and funding mechanisms that are sufficient, sustainable and responsive to increasing program costs over time.



# House Bill 2829: Creating the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

## Creates the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (OCRF)

- Activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon
- Consist of moneys appropriated to ODFW by the legislature and gifts, grants, contributions or other donations

## Establishes the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

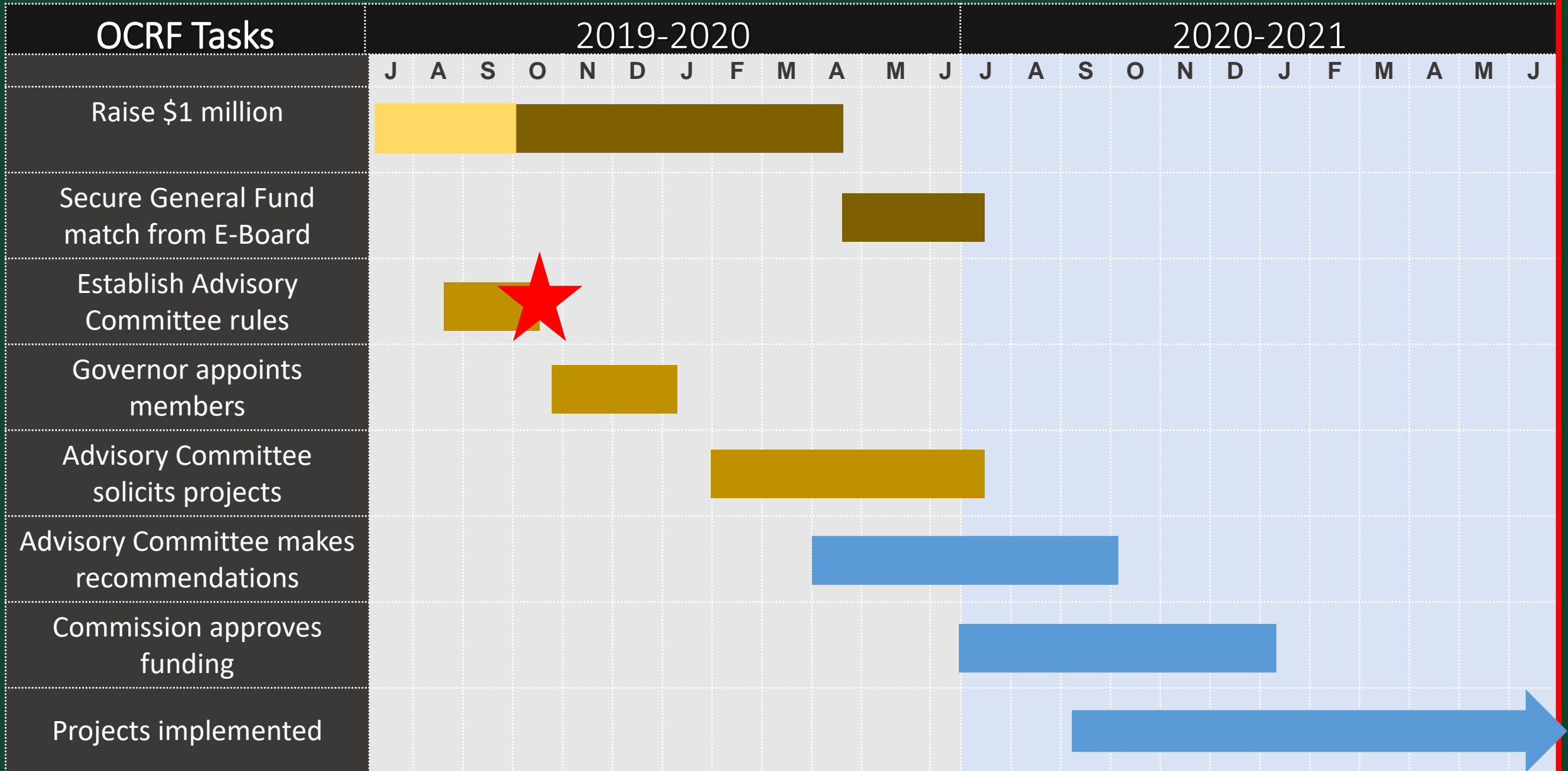
- Advise ODFW and the Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding use of the Fund
- Membership number and geographic representation determined by the commission
- Members appointed by the governor

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Appropriates \$1 million to the OCRF after the Department deposits at least \$1 million from non-state and non-federal sources in the Fund

Sunsets the Fund and Advisory Committee on January 2, 2022.

Reverts remaining funds to the general fund if they are unexpended or unobligated by July 1, 2021.





# Staff Recommendation

Adopt language from HB 2829:

- 635-098-0000 Purpose of OCRF
- 635-098-0010 Moneys in OCRF
- 635-098-0020 Expenditures from OCRF
- 635-098-0030 Purpose of Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee
- 635-098-0060 Advisory Committee Duties

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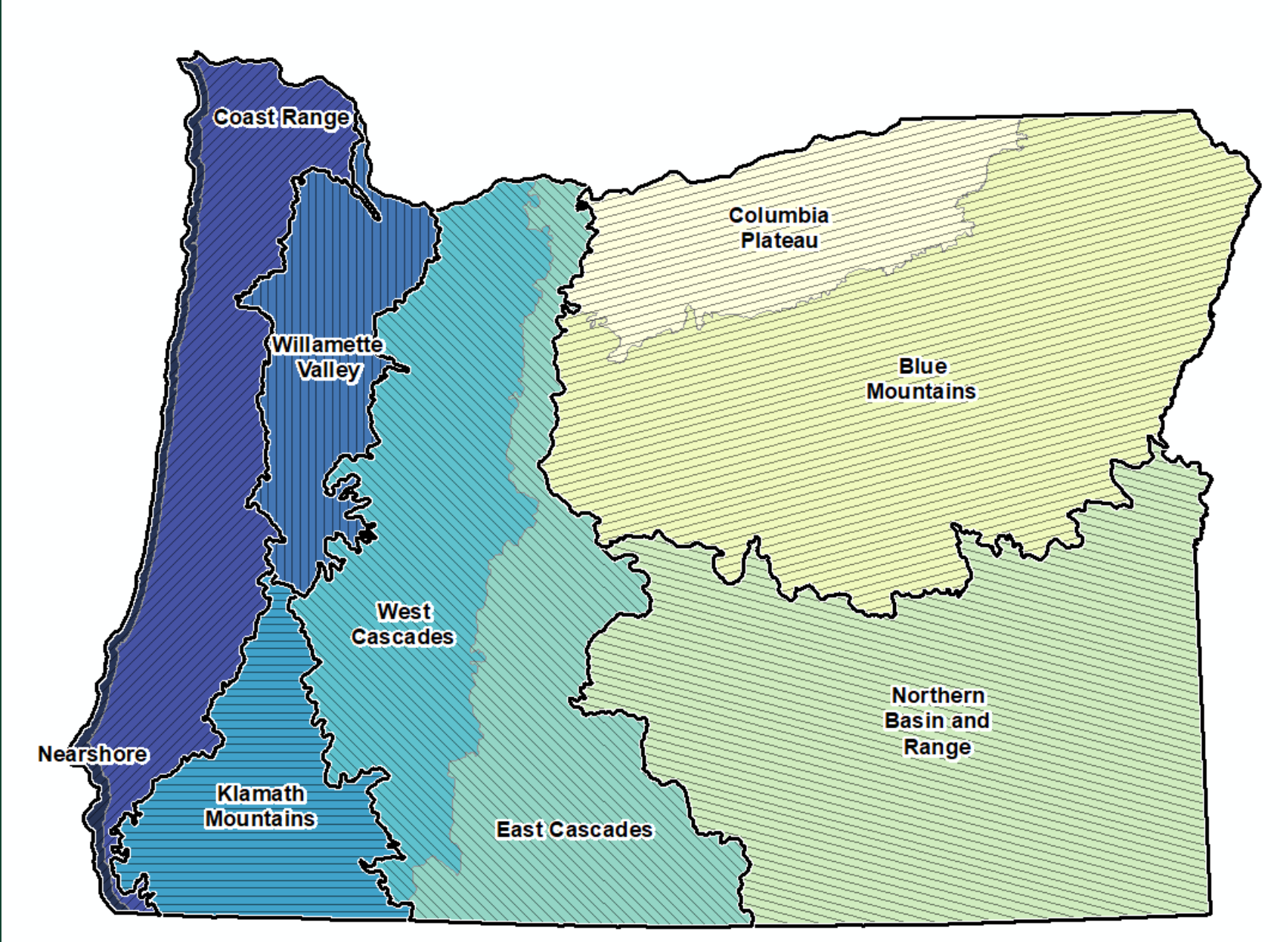
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- 635-098-0050 Advisory Committee Meetings
- 635-098-0070 Advisory Committee Procedures

# Staff Recommendation: Membership

## Nine member Advisory Committee

- Six members of the advisory committee shall be appointed to represent one of each of the ecoregions described below, which are documented and described in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. To represent an ecoregion, the member shall live in or possess demonstrable expertise related to the ecoregion.
  - (A) Nearshore Marine or Coast Range
  - (B) Willamette Valley
  - (C) Klamath Mountains
  - (D) West Cascades or East Cascades
  - (E) Columbia Plateau or Blue Mountains
  - (F) Northern Basin and Range



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## Two non-voting, ex-officio members

- One Member of the Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Director of the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation

# Staff Recommendation: Membership

In making appointments of all nine advisory committee members, consideration should be given to appointing members who:

- Possess experience engaging youth, underserved communities and diverse audiences in conservation and recreation activities
- Have interests in the economic, social, and educational benefits of healthy ecosystems
- Reflect the demographic and geographic diversity of Oregon

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# Questions?

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