



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

### BACKGROUND

The Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) is a seven-person board appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to advise Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (ODFW) staff on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding, and reporting. Three members represent agriculture, three represent fishing or fish conservation, and one member represents the public-at-large. FSTF members serve a two-year term, with the possibility of serving three consecutive terms. There is currently one open position on the FSTF to represent the “Public”.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Recruitment for this position occurred through a statewide news release and direct outreach to candidates from another recent ODFW board appointment process.

### ISSUE 1

Appoint member to fill a vacant seat on the Fish Screening Task Force to represent the Public.

### ANALYSIS

One application was received for the vacant public representative position. Alexis Vaivoda, from Hood River, Oregon, is a Program Manager for Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA). Her experience with FCA includes statistical testing of fish screen performance, fish screen project management, and interacting with water users to develop fish screen projects. Ms. Vaivoda has previous natural resource experience working with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and ODFW. She has also researched and drafted a white paper for the University of Montana focused on fish screen projects in the State of Montana.

Based on Ms. Vaivoda’s experience, application materials, interview, and references, staff concludes that Ms. Alexis Vaivoda is well qualified to represent the public on the FSTF.

### OPTIONS

1. Appoint Alexis Vaivoda to represent the public on the Fish Screening Task Force
2. Reject the appointment of Alexis Vaivoda.
3. Re-solicit new candidates for this vacant seat and proceed without a full Fish Screening Task Force until filled later.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

1. Appoint Alexis Vaivoda to represent the public on the Fish Screening Task Force

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to appoint Alexis Vaivoda as a Public Representative on the Fish Screening Task Force based on her relevant experience and qualifications.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 19, 2021