



Fish Screening Task Force

Interest Form

The Oregon Fish Screening Program assists with the installation and maintenance of fish screens to prevent fish loss in ditch and pump water diversions. The Fish Screening Task Force advises the department on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding and reporting.

One Position Representing the Public is Currently Open. Please apply by December 31, 2020

This form is used to obtain general information for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife concerning the qualifications of applicants for the Fish Screening Task Force. This information may be used in publicizing the activities of the Task Force. To complete this form electronically, use the tab feature to move from cell to cell.

Personal Information

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| Occupation: | Program Manager for Farmers Conservation Alliance | | |
| (If additional space is needed to answer any question, please use page 3. If you are using the electronic version, page 3 will expand for your answers and page break accordingly.) | | | |
| <u>Statement of Interest:</u> | | | |
| I am interested in being a part of the ODFW Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) for several reasons. I believe that a multi-faceted task force is an excellent opportunity to provide the ODFW screen program with valuable input from a variety of backgrounds. I would like to participate and provide my experience in an area that I feel I could add value. Program development, monitoring, reporting, and project prioritization are all areas that I feel like my professional experience would lend itself well to a role on the FSTF. Additionally, I think I could learn a lot from being a part of the group. | | | |
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| The Fish Screening Task Force consists of seven members appointed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Each member serves for a term of two years and may be re-appointed for a maximum of three terms. | | | |
| Task Force members represent the following interests: Agricultural, Fishing or Fish Conservation and the Public-at-large. Which of these groups would you be interested in representing? You may choose more than one. Use an x in one or more boxes. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture (3 members) <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing or Fish Conservation (3 members) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public-at-large (1 member) | | | |

As a citizen of the United States, I will accept appointment to the Fish Screening Task Force if selected by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Alexis Vaivoda

12/3/2020

(Signature)

(Date)

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Describe your involvement in representing the public or other organizations and interest groups. Please be specific. (For example: working with organized groups, providing testimony, agency processes, or leadership roles.)

While I worked for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs (2001 - 2007), I became an active member of the Hood River Watershed Group (HRWG). During this period, I spent time connecting with a large variety of people interested in our local watershed and natural resources. The HRWG consisted of people from agencies, special districts, landowners, farmers, fishers, outdoor enthusiasts, and other stakeholders that came together to work towards common goals. I participated in focus groups, fundraisers, and decision making in the group. This was work that I found personally rewarding due to the projects that were accomplished when people worked together.

Describe your experience and interest in fish screening, water related issues, or other natural resource topics

I have grown up in the Pacific Northwest and I have been interested in natural resources, ecology, and our environment since I was a kid. I received my B.S. in Biology from Oregon State and my M.S. in Environmental Science from Portland State. My education has led me to employment in a variety of capacities. These have included working at an ODFW fish hatchery, the ODFW research lab in Corvallis, a fisheries habitat and research project for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, as a private consultant, and now currently I work for Farmers Conservation Alliance.

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Describe your experience working with public or private boards and commissions.

I have experience working with the public primarily related to positions I have held with ODFW. When I worked at the South Santiam Fish Hatchery, I conducted tours and maintained hatchery grounds which included a popular fishing hole on the South Santiam River. I also spoke with many members of the public when planning and coordinating fish habitat surveys on many Willamette River tributaries. This consisted of a lot of phone calls and approaching people at their residences to gain access to streams on their property.

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REFERENCES: Please list up to three references that we may contact.

| NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE NUMBER |
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| Les Perkins | Farmers Irrigation District [REDACTED] Hood River | [REDACTED] |
| Brett Golden | Farmers Conservation Alliance [REDACTED] Hood River | [REDACTED] |
| Cindy Thieman | Hood River Watershed Group [REDACTED] Hood River | [REDACTED] |

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Statement of Interest: (Continued from page 1 of form)

N/A

Describe your involvement in representing the public. (Continued from page 2 of form)

N/A

Describe your experience and interest in fish screening or water related issues, or other natural resource topics (Continued from page 2 of form)

I have a wide variety of experience that includes a background in fish habitat, fish screens, toxicology, and production. I also have experience with project permitting and management. I think my education, work experience, and exposure to different agencies and interest groups has provided me with an understanding of our environment that is well rounded and based in being an advocate for our natural resources.

Describe your experience working with public or private boards and commissions. (Continued from page 2 of form)

I also have experience with a variety of different boards and commissions. This experience includes working to support and provide information to the Warm Springs Tribal Council when I was employed by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs' Hood River Production Program. I also served on the Hood River Library Board (2013 - 2017), and I was elected as the president of the Cooper Spur Aline Team Board of Directors (2012 - 2018). This variety of involvement has provided diverse experiences.