



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) is a seven-person board appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to advise Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (department) 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 are currently three open positions on the FSTF two representing “fishing or fish conservation” and one representing “agriculture”.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public recruitment for this position occurred through a statewide news release, direct outreach to multiple groups, and specific outreach to applicants from two other recent ODFW board recruitments.

ISSUE 1

Appoint members to fill the vacant seats on the Fish Screening Task Force to represent Fishing and Fish Conservation and Agriculture.

ANALYSIS

Three applications were received. Two applications were for the vacant Fish and Fish Conservation representative positions, and one was for the vacant Agricultural representative position.

The first application representing Fishing or Fish Conservation was from Judith Barkstedt, from Portland, Oregon. Ms. Barkstedt works in the Water and Environmental Group at David Evans and Associates. She has 20 years of education and experience as a fish biologist including work in the Colorado River Basin and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta on research and management of endangered fishes in water-scarce systems. In the past, Ms. Barkstedt has served on the Desert Fishes Council and is a current member of the Pacific Lamprey Technical Workgroup. She has a passion for fish conservation

The second application representing Fishing and Fish Conservation was from William Freeland from Springfield, OR. Mr. Freeland is retired; his career consisted of a variety of public work including the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and Department of Energy. He has experience with water related issues through his involvement with many of the Columbia River hydroelectric dams. Mr. Freeland has previous natural resource experience and experience working with public and private groups. He has experience with various fish and wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement projects.

The application for the position representing Agriculture was from Darin Olson, from Salem, OR. Mr. Olson is currently an irrigation manager who oversees and manages more than 1,500 acres of farmland in Marion County. He has been a member of the Marion Soil Water Control District for 12 years, including serving as chair for three years. Mr. Olson has experience with fish screening including partnering with ODFW on two past fish screening projects.

Based on the experience, application materials, interview, and references for each candidate, ODFW staff recommends Darin Olson, William Freeland, and Judith Barkstedt for appointment to the Fish Screening Task Force.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint all three candidates to represent Fishing and Fish Conservation and Agriculture on the Fish Screening Task Force
2. Appoint just one of the candidates to the Fish Screening Task Force.
3. Appoint just two of the candidates to the Fish Screening Task Force.
4. Reject the appointment of all three candidates.
5. Re-solicit new candidates for one or more vacant seat and proceed without a full task force until filled later.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Judith Barkstedt, William Freeland, and Darin Olson to represent Fishing and Fish Conservation and Agriculture on the Fish Screening Task Force

DRAFT MOTION

I move to appoint Judith Barkstedt, William Freeland, as representatives for fishing and fish conservation and Darin Olson as a representative for agriculture on the Fish Screening Task Force.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2021