



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Senate Bill 1039 (2017), the OFWC has appointment authority for two representative seats on the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (OAH). This 13-member council was created by the Oregon legislature to develop recommendations on adaptation, resilience and mitigation of ocean acidification and hypoxia to build resilience in Oregon's ecosystem and coastal economic health. **The OFWC has appointing authority for the following two seats: 1) a fishing representative, and 2) a Tribal representative.**

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

For the fishing representative, a call for applications opened November 5th 2021, and closed December 10th 2021. Department staff advertised the opportunity to serve as the fishing representative by sending email announcements to ocean/marine advisors, advisory committees, and Oregon's seafood commodity commissions. The applications process was also announced and distributed by ODFW press release. Application information was posted on the OAH Council website (Oregonocean.info) for approximately 5 weeks.

For the Tribal Government representative, Department staff communicated directly with the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), as directed in SB1039. LCIS conducted outreach to the federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes (outreach occurred from November 5th 2021 to December 10th 2021) through correspondence with Tribal government Natural Resource Departments.

ISSUE 1

SELECT FISHING AND TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE OAH COUNCIL

ANALYSIS

Fishing Representative

Two applications were received: 1) Mr. Robert (Bob) Kemp, and 2) Mr. David Kuehn.

Mr. Kemp has served the Department and the research community as an advisor for many years, sharing his expertise as a commercial fisherman along the West Coast and Oregon for the past 50 years, harvesting salmon, crab, and albacore. Mr. Kemp is an active member of the fishing community serving as secretary for the Newport Fisherman's Crab Association and as a member of the steering committee for the Oregon Sea Grant State of the Coast symposium and Mr. Kemp has applied to serve on the OAH Council previously. Mr. Kemp has also participated in many OAH Council events over the past 2 years including the Scientist/Fisheries Roundtable.

Staff also considered Mr. David Kuehn for the appointment. Mr. Kuehn is an avid sport fisherman and president of the Oregon South Coast Fishermen association out of Brookings. Mr. Kuehn has relevant educational background, was a high school biology teacher and has worked with ODFW for years to organize and participate in The Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) events.

Staff recommendation is to appoint Mr. Robert (Bob) Kemp.

Tribal representative

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS), after consultation with Oregon’s Tribal entities, recommends reappointment of John Schaefer, staff scientist to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). Mr. Schaefer has engaged with ODFW and other partners in Oregon on OAH issues and has many years of experience with Oregon shellfish and the CTCLUSI. His continued participation in the OAH Council will be valuable and the Department appreciates the work by the LCIS to bring this reappointment decision forward.

Staff recommendation is to reappoint Mr. John Schaefer.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint the fishing representative and the Tribal representative to the OAH Council.
2. Do not appoint representatives to the OAH Council.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint representatives.

DRAFT MOTION

I move that the Commission appoint Mr. Robert Kemp as the fishing representative and Mr. John Schaefer as the Tribal representative to serve on the OAH Council for a 4-year term.

EFFECTIVE DATE: