



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting: Conservation &
Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting: Virtual
Time: July 7, 2026,
1:00 PM Pacific Time
(US and Canada)

Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Advisory Committee.

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Advisory Committee Members

Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains)	Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range)
Mauricio Valadrian (Vice Chair, at-large)	Liza Jane McAllister (Columbia Plateau & Blue Mountains)
Mark Stern (at-large)	Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)
Sristi Kamal (at-large)	Mark Labhart, ODFW Commissioner
Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)	Noel Bacheller, Oregon Parks and Recreation
Jim Hammett (Northern Basin and Range)	

ODFW Staff

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW
Reva Gillman, OCRF Coordinator, ODFW
Tiffany Caldwell, Habitat Division Grants Administrative Specialist, ODFW

Guest Presenters:

Paul Slater, Coos County Public Works
Rachel Wheat, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator, ODFW
Adrienne Averett, Statewide Beaver Coordinator, ODFW
Dr. Megan Jones, Assistant Professor, USGS Oregon Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit

MEETING

Welcome

On Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., Chair Karl Wenner called the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order, this meeting was held online only via the Microsoft Teams platform.

Chair Wenner welcomed a new member to the Committee, Noel Bacheller, Oregon Parks and Recreation, who has filled the vacant Recreation seat.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes.

Review and approve minutes from May 5, 2026.

The motion passed with eight (8) in favor and one (1) absent member.

OCRF Project Presentation

Paul Slater, Coos County Public Works, and Rachel Wheat, ODFW, presented the Trans Pacific Parkway

1 Wildlife Crossing Project

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4 Q&A/Discussion followed.

5 *The Advisory Committee expressed gratitude for the presentation.*

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8 **OCRF Project Presentation**

9 Dr. Megan Jones, USGS, and Adrienne Averett, ODFW, provided a presentation on the OCRF-sponsored
10 project "Let's Talk about Beavers"

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12 *Q&A/Discussion Followed.*

13 *The Advisory Committee expressed gratitude for the presentation.*

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15 **Public Comment**

16 *No Public Comment Received*

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18 **OCRF Program Budget Update**

19 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW gave an overview of the OCRF Grant Program Budget.

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22 *Discussion followed.*

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24 **Committee Discussion of Trans Pacific Parkway Wildlife Crossing Project**

25 Chair Wenner led the Committee in discussion of the proposed wildlife crossing project for funding from
26 the OCRF Wildlife Connectivity Lottery Bond Funds.

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28 *Vice Chair Valadrian moved to approve the "Trans Pacific Parkway Wildlife Crossing project by Coos*
29 *County Public Works, totaling \$3.9 Million in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation*
30 *Fund's Wildlife Connectivity Lottery Bonds." Jim Hammett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

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33 **Summary of Post-Passage HB 4134 Discussion**

34 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW, gave a summary on HB 4134 and how it will affect
35 OCRF.

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37 *Q&A/Discussion followed.*

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41 **Meeting Wrap Up & Next Steps**

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43 **Chair Wenner adjourned the meeting.**