



Meeting: Conservation &  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: April 6, 2020 10:00 AM  
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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2 *Committee minutes were approved on May 5, 2020.*

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4 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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6 Advisory Committee Members

7 Laura Anderson (Nearshore and Coast Range)

8 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range)

9 Dr. Suzanne Fouty (Columbia Plateau and Blue Mtn)

10 Chris Hager (at-large)

11 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)

12 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)

13 Mark Stern (at-large)

14 Mauricio Valadrian (at-large)

15 Dr. Karl Wenner (Klamath Mountains)

16 Mark Labhart, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioner

17 Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Director, Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation

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19 ODFW Staff

20 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator

21 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

22 Adam Baylor, Public Information Officer

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24 Guests

25 Cheralynn Abbott, Facilitator, Pivotal Resources

26 9 members of the public

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28 **MEETING**

29 **Welcome**

30 On Monday, April 6, 2020 at 10:10 a.m., Cheralynn Abbott, professional facilitator, called the Oregon  
31 Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order.

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33 **Refresh – Purpose/Goals of the Advisory Committee**

34 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator, ODFW

35 Objective: Review committee's scope of work, timeline and key objectives between now and January  
36 2022.

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38 *Davia reviewed the language in HB 2829 and OAR 635.098 related to the purpose and role of the*  
39 *Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed the timeline on which they must operate to meet their*  
40 *objectives by the end of the '19-'21 biennium.*

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1 **Operating Principles**

2 Cheralynn Abott

3 Objective: Establish how we'd like to work as a committee including individual and group expectations.

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5 *The committee brainstormed principles for expectations of how the committee will operate as*  
6 *inviduals, as a team, and in relation to their tasks. Details captured below.*

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8 **Operating Principles (draft)**  
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10 **Working with Each Other**

- 11 • *Come to meetings all meetings and be prepared (having reviewed materials, etc.)*
- 12 • *Share individual ideas and opinions, but respect those of others*
- 13 • *Once you've spoken on a topic, make space for others*
- 14 • *Operate in public in an open manner*
- 15 • *Be cognizant of public records requirements*
- 16 • *Assume good intent*
- 17 • *Mission is to serve the public, not appropriate to use meetings for a personal platform*
- 18 • *Authority granted to the Advisory Committee, not individual members*
- 19 • *No members will take unilateral action without AC approval*
- 20 • *Members will be cautious about individual conversations when there is dispute*
- 21 • *Be clear when you are representing the AC and when you are not when attending other meetings*
- 22 *in public*
- 23 • *Follow the statute in regards to decision-making protocol*

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25 **Developing OCRF Recommendations**

- 26 • *Serving the public interest is the top priority*
- 27 • *Learn about the issues impacting our recommendations*
- 28 • *Examine all available information before making a judgement*
- 29 • *Think statewide: all lands, all people, all habitats, all species*
- 30 • *Apply an analytical lens, facts are friends, recognize the expertise that is available in various*
- 31 *areas and represented on the AC*
- 32 • *Embrace our responsibility to steward our natural resources for present and future generations,*
- 33 *steward habitat conservation*
- 34 • *Define success as lasting, tangible and equitable results that are financially and environmentally*
- 35 *sustainable*
- 36 • *Ensure strategies and recommended actions in the Oregon Conservation Strategy are used as a*
- 37 *foundation for decision-making*
- 38 • *Think outside the box – be comfortable bringing forward unusual ideas to push our thinking*

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40 **Other considerations:**

- 41 • *Different public interests, often in conflict, how will we deal with this (definition of public*
- 42 *interests) – we can become a catalyst for reasonable debate*
- 43 • *Different types of members with different responsibilities – how does that work, voting and non-*
- 44 *voting for example*
- 45 • *How we relate to each other in our operations as an AC, how we operate in relation to F & W*
- 46 *and their habits and how we operate with the public*

- 1       • *Is there a template or ideas from others we could borrow? OWEB, Gov’s Task force on Outdoor*  
2       *Rec. etc.*

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4   **Scoping: What is and is not “conservation” and “recreation”**

5   Davia Palmeri

6   Objective: Develop a common understanding of key definitions and discuss how projects can benefit  
7   both conservation and recreation objectives.

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9   *Before the meeting, each member filled out a questionnaire that included proposed definitions for*  
10 *Conservation and Recreation to guide the work of this committee. The original proposed definitions and*  
11 *revisions based on Committee member comments were discussed and workshopped. Staff were directed*  
12 *to revise definitions again for approval at next meeting.*

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14       **Conservation**

15       *Originally Proposed - Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and wildlife species*  
16       *including maintaining healthy fish and wildlife populations by maintaining and restoring*  
17       *functioning habitats; preventing declines of at-risk species; and reversing declines in these*  
18       *resources where possible.*

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20       *Considered at this meeting - Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and populations of*  
21       *fish and wildlife species by maintaining & restoring functioning habitats and preventing &*  
22       *reversing declines of at-risk species.*

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24       **Recreation**

25       *Originally Proposed - All recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that generally involve*  
26       *some level of intentional physical exertion and occur in nature-based environments outdoors*  
27       *that are related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats.*

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29       *Considered at this meeting - All recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that generally*  
30       *occur outdoors and involve some level of intentional connection to and appreciation of nature-*  
31       *based environments that rely on or have low impact on healthy fish, wildlife, and their habitats.*

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33   **Project Outcomes & Priorities for the OCRF**

34   Cheralynn Abbott

35   Objective: Identify desired outcomes and benefits of projects funded by the OCRF. Establish parameters  
36   for selecting projects. Key considerations include:

- 37       ✓ Eligibility Factors (what and who)  
38       ✓ Program/Categories (e.g. science-research, habitat restoration)  
39       ✓ Geographic Allocations  
40       ✓ Size and scale of projects  
41       ✓ Leverage opportunities  
42       ✓ Type of selection process

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44   *Cheralynn summarized the results of the questions on the questionnaires (see slide show). The*  
45   *Committee Members discussed who may be eligible for funding from the OCRF, the size and scale of*  
46   *projects, if restricted donations will be considered and the need for criteria for a competitive process.*  
47   *Summary of decisions is below.*  
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1 **Priorities for the OCR – Summary of Decisions**

- 2 • Selection of projects will be done through a competitive process in which criteria are agreed  
3 upon and then used to select the projects  
4 • Decision delayed in regards to number/scope of projects – be sure that criteria does not preclude  
5 us from making a decision on this after seeing project proposals  
6 • Restricted Donations – AC will consider restricted donations at a future date. We are open to it  
7 and would like to establish a path for further discussions. No guarantee at this point. Basic  
8 message: Please propose your project per the process that is forthcoming.  
9 • Significant concerns regarding donations going to individuals (the public relations aspect of tax  
10 payer funds going to individuals, etc.)..  
11 • Criteria will be the driver for everything. If projects do not meet the criteria they are not likely to  
12 be funded, regardless of size, match options and/or entity applying for funds.  
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15 **Operating Procedures and Agenda Planning**

16 Objectives: Appoint a Chair and establish meeting logistics going forward; Identify critical topics for next  
17 1 – 2 meetings and information that would be valuable to provide the committee members; Agree on  
18 next steps that have been identified through the course of today’s work.  
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20 *Action: Suzanne Fouty moved to nominate Karl Wenner as Advisory Committee Chairman and Mauricio*  
21 *Valadrian as Vice-Chairman of the Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. Chris Hager*  
22 *seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (9) nine in-favor.*  
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24 *Members discussed an accelerated meeting schedule of two virtual meetings per month focusing on*  
25 *identifying project criteria and a process for open solicitation of projects. Staff were directed to send a*  
26 *doodle poll to capture potential dates for future meetings throughout 2020.*  
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29 **Public Comments**

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31 *Public Comments were received from:*

- 32 • Leland Brown, The Wildlife Society  
33 • James Sallee  
34 • Jim Greer  
35 • Sristi Kamal, Defenders of Wildlife  
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37 **OTHER BUSINESS**

38 **Actions/Considerations**

- 39 • Fundraising should be all hands on deck – how can/should the AC participate and/or contribute  
40 • Consider an “early” solicitation with some basis criteria to get an idea of what’s out there –  
41 could help with the fundraising efforts  
42 • Messing is critical – how can/should the AC participate and/or contribute  
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44 **Next meeting**

45 The members agreed to use a similar remote format for the next meeting and will participate in a  
46 doodle poll for a date and time for that meeting.  
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48 Cheralynn Abbott adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.  
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