



Meeting: Conservation &
Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting – Virtual Attendance
Time: December 9, 2020 10:00
AM Pacific Time (US and
Canada)

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2 *Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Committee.*
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4 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:
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6 Advisory Committee Members

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| 7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains) | 12 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades) |
| 8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice Chair, at-large) | 13 Mark Stern (at-large) |
| 9 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range) | 14 Cailin O'Brien-Feeney |
| 10 Chris Hager (at-large) | 15 Commissioner Mark Labhart |
| 11 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley) | |

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17 ODFW Staff

18 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
19 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
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21 Guests

22 Cheralynn Abbott, Facilitator, Pivotal Resources
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24 8 Members of the Public

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| 25 Bill Weiler, Sandy River Watershed Council | 29 Caitlin Rushlow |
| 26 Greg Mintz, Representative Ken Helm's office | 30 Hilary Lutz |
| 27 Jason Kesling, Harney SWCD | 31 Susan Getty |
| 28 Sristi Kamal, Defenders of Wildlife | 32 Kevin Vella |

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35 **MEETING**

36 **Welcome**

37 On Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation
38 and Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online
39 only via the Ring Central platform.
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41 Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something recent from their lives.
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43 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

44 Objective: Review and approve minutes from November 17 meeting
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46 *Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved to approve the meeting minutes from the November 17, 2020*
47 *meeting with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Committee Member Jane*
48 *Hartline seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*
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50 **Fundraising Update**

1 Objective: Receive a fundraising update and identify any new actions committee members can take to
2 support the effort.

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4 *As of December 8, \$204,902 has been raised through ODFW and the Oregon Wildlife Foundation's*
5 *OregonIsAlive.org. There is \$60,685 available in unobligated funds.*

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7 *Committee members discussed the public webinar on the OCRF taking place the evening of December 9*
8 *as well as the opportunity presented by year end giving.*

9 10 **Review Restricted Gifts**

11 Objective: Review offers of restricted gifts to increase the scale of previously approved projects.

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13 *Committee member Chris Hager moved to increase the scale of the Advisory Committee's investment in*
14 *the "Gilchrist Underpass Wildlife Directional Fencing" project by an additional \$5000, for a total of*
15 *\$75,000. Committee Member Mark Stern seconded and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*

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17 *Committee member Maret Pajutee moved to increase the scale of the Advisory Committee's investment*
18 *in the "Link Creek" project by an additional \$1,000, for a total of \$8,800. Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian*
19 *seconded and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*

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21 *Committee member Jane Hartline moved to increase the scale of the Advisory Committee's investment in*
22 *the "Feasibility Study: Restoring Sea Otters to the Oregon Coast" project by an additional \$11,500, for a*
23 *total of \$21,500. Committee member Mark Stern seconded and the motion carried with seven (7) in*
24 *favor.*

25 26 **Recommendations from the Outdoor Equity Subcommittee**

27 Objective 1: Discuss the results of the Outdoor Equity Subcommittee's review of the outdoor equity
28 projects identified by the Committee on November 17.

29 Objective 2: Make recommendations on funding outdoor equity projects.

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31 Subcommittee Chair Mark Stern and other participants in the Subcommittee summarized the process by
32 which the Subcommittee reviewed the thirteen (13) proposals that were identified for secondary review
33 in the category of Outdoor Equity. Subcommittee members made remarks about the process and
34 emphasized the Subcommittee's intent to focus on recommending projects submitted directly by
35 underserved communities themselves.

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37 Of the thirteen (13), seven (7), in ranked order, were recommended by the Subcommittee to be funded.
38 The commitment from the full Committee was to commit at least \$20,000 to outdoor equity projects.
39 The first two (2) on the recommended list are \$15,000 and the first three (3) total \$25,000. The
40 Committee decided to review the full suite of proposals and come back to this subject at the end of the
41 meeting.

42 43 **Make Recommendations to Fund a Suite of Projects**

44 Objective 1: Discuss the results of the Committee's secondary scoring process.

45 Objective 2: Make recommendations on funding a suite of projects

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47 The Committee members reviewed the ranked list of twenty-three (23) projects that are summarized in
48 the meeting materials and discussed the strong merit of all of the proposals. Considering the limited
49 duration of the OCRF program, the Committee discussed recommending funding the top ranked projects

1 up to the current amount of funds on hand as well as seeking Commission approval to fund all of the
2 projects on this and the outdoor equity list pending the availability of funds in the future. This would aid
3 in the fundraising effort, because donors can know exactly what their donation will support.
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5 *Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved that the Committee recommends projects # 43, 13, 61, 38, 17, and*
6 *3 as proposed in the December 9 Meeting Materials for consideration by the Commission and that the*
7 *Committee recommends project # 53 as proposed in the December 9 Meeting Materials; including*
8 *changing the total amount to \$5000 (with approval from the applicant) and to increase the amount to*
9 *\$10,000 if the money becomes available for consideration by the Commission. Committee member*
10 *Maret Pajutee seconded and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*
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12 *Committee member Maret Pajutee moved that the Committee recommends that the Commission*
13 *provisionally approve the projects ranked #5-23 on the primary list in the December 9 Meeting Materials*
14 *excluding the project ranked #10, and the projects ranked #4-7 on the Outdoor Equity Subcommittees*
15 *recommendation in the December 9 Meeting Materials for expenditure when funds become available.*
16 *Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian seconded and the motion carried with six (6) in favor.*
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18 *Committee member Mark Stern moved that the Committee recommends that the Commission*
19 *provisionally approve the projects ranked #5-23 on the primary list in the December 9 Meeting Materials*
20 *excluding the project ranked #10, and the projects ranked #4-7 on the Outdoor Equity Subcommittees*
21 *recommendation in the December 9 Meeting Materials for expenditure when funds become available.*
22 *Expenditures will be made in ranked order unless restricted funds become available for a specific project.*
23 *This motion supersedes the previous motion on this subject. Committee member Maret Pajutee seconded*
24 *and the motion carries with seven (7) in favor.*
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26 Next steps:

- 27 • Ask those project proponents for which we recommend provisional approval if they are
- 28 comfortable remaining in the queue.
- 29 • Present recommendations to the Commission on January 15.
- 30 • Fundraise for the full portfolio of projects in the order in which they were ranked.
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32 **Planning for 2021**

33 Objective: Discuss Committee business and schedule through the end of the biennium.

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- 35 • The Committee discussed the need for meetings in early 2021 and decided to plan meetings for
- 36 early February, April, and June.
- 37 • The Committee discussed the development of a Biennial Report as required by the Legislature.
- 38 • The Committee heard a brief update on the legislative action anticipated related to OCFR
- 39 including extending the sunset, removing the sunset, and restoring the General Fund match.
- 40 • We are giving a presentation to the House Natural Resources Committee on December 17.
- 41 • Our contract with Pivotal Resources and Cheralynn Abbott has ended. The Committee thanks
- 42 her for her incredible facilitation, guidance, and support throughout this year.
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44 **Public Comments**

45 The Committee had written comments from these members of the public:

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- 47 • Jason Kesling, Harney SWCD
- 48 • Sristi Kamal, Defenders of Wildlife
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1 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

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