



Meeting: Conservation &
Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting – Virtual Attendance
Time: May 5, 2020 10:00 AM
Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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2 *Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Committee at its next meeting.*

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4 Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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6 Advisory Committee Members

- 7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains)
8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice Chair, at-large)
9 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range)
10 Dr. Suzanne Fouty (Columbia Plateau and Blue Mtn)
11 Chris Hager (at-large)
12 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)
13 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)
14 Mark Stern (at-large)
15 Mark Labhart, Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commissioner
16 Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Director, Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation

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18 ODFW Staff

- 19 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
20 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant
21 Adam Baylor, Public Information Officer
22 Yvonne Shaw, Anti-poaching Campaign Manager
23 Charlotte Regula Whitefield, Ocean Acidification Policy Assistant

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25 Guests

- 26 Cheralynn Abbott, Facilitator, Pivotal Resources

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28 19 Members of the Public

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| 29 Kay Brown, Restoration & Enhancement Board | 39 John Goodell, The Wildlife Society OR Chapter |
| 30 Amy Patrick, Oregon Hunters Association | 40 Ken McCall, Oregon Hunters Association |
| 31 Leland Brown, The Wildlife Society, OR Chapter | 41 Jim Greer, retired ODFW |
| 32 Kyle Williams, OR Forest & Industries Council | 42 David Green, OSU Research Faculty |
| 33 Clair Klock, Clackamas SWCD | 43 Jim Owens, HB 2402 Task Force Facilitator |
| 34 Greg Mintz, Representative Ken Helm's office | 44 Danielle Moser, Oregon Wild |
| 35 Tom Calvanese | 45 Kelley Beamer, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts |
| 36 Jim Akenson, Oregon Hunters Association | 46 Haley Stewart |
| 37 Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon | 47 Jessica Schafer, Wildlands Network |
| 38 Bob Bailey, the Elakah Alliance | |

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1 **MEETING**

2 **Welcome**

3 On Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and
4 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only
5 via the Ring Central platform.

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7 Committee member Laura Anderson has stepped down from her seat on the Advisory Committee due to
8 unforeseen impacts to her business caused by the Covid-19, state of emergency. Laura will be available
9 for the committee to consult on Coastal topics. Her position, representing the Nearshore & Coast Range
10 Ecoregions, will need to be filled by Governor's appointment.

11 Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something recent from their lives.

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14 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes & Meeting Schedule**

15 Objective: Review and approve minutes from March 23 and April 6 meetings

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17 *Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved to approve the meeting minutes from the March 23, 2020 and May*
18 *6, 2020 meetings. Committee member Suzanne Fouty seconded the motion. The motion carries with*
19 *eight (8) in favor.*

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21 Objective: Agree on next meeting dates.

22 *Committee members proposed to add July 20 to the previously proposed meeting schedule. This date has*
23 *been added tentatively to the schedule; the committee will make a final decision if this meeting is needed*
24 *at the July 6 meeting. Member Chris Hager moved adoption of the schedule with the addition of July 20.*
25 *Member Jane Hartline seconded the motion. The motion carries with eight (8) in favor.*

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27 *The approved meeting dates are:*

- 28 • *Tuesday, May 19*
- 29 • *Wednesday, June 3*
- 30 • *Monday, June 22*
- 31 • *Monday, July 6*
- 32 • *Monday, July 20*
- 33 • *Tuesday, August 11*

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36 **Pathway to developing priorities & project criteria**

37 Objective: Understand our approach to the next few meetings.

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39 *Chair Wenner asked Commissioner Labhart to share some background on the origins of the idea for the*
40 *Conservation & Recreation Fund. He described ODFW's budget shortfalls in 2015, HB 2402 that year*
41 *which created an Alternative Funding Task Force, the political dynamics related to getting legislation to*
42 *implement the Task Force's recommendation, and how the provisions of HB 2829 were created that lead*
43 *to this Committee's charge.*

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45 *The Chair also summarized his intent for the Committee to use the next few meetings to refine operating*
46 *procedures and criteria for expenditures from the Fund.*

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48 **Operating Procedures**

49 Objective: Review draft based on April 6 meeting to finalize Committee processes.

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51 *The results of conversations at the April 6 meeting were used to draft "Committee Operating*
52 *Procedures" which include background on the Fund, Purpose of the Committee, how the Committee*
53 *meetings function, voting, Committee member duties, principles for the Committee's work, and*
54 *Recommendations Procedures. Committee member Jane Hartline moved to approve the operating*
55 *procedures for the Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee as proposed in today's meeting*

1 materials. Committee member Maret Pajutee seconded the motion. The motion carries with eight (8) in
2 favor.

3 4 **Synopsis of stakeholder comments**

5 Objective: Review results of broad call for input on the potential projects.

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7 After the April 6 meeting, Chair Wenner sent a request to a broad suite of stakeholders for their
8 feedback on four questions. The request was sent April 23 with a responses due May 1. The questions
9 were:

- 10 • What should be the highest priority uses of the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund in the
- 11 short term?
- 12 • What types of projects do your members/customers/constituents expect this Fund to support?
- 13 • Does your organization have specific projects or project ideas that you believe would meet the
- 14 purposes of this Fund?
- 15 • Do you have a "big picture" vision of the long term role that the OCRF can play in promoting
- 16 Oregon's statewide conservation and recreational efforts?

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18 *Davia summarized the responses from 45 individuals (see slides). The Members discussed the following*
19 *topics:*

- 20 • *Need to diversify funding sources for ODFW*
- 21 • *Intersectionality should be a major feature of our work*
- 22 • *Enhance what we currently have – open options to people of differing backgrounds*
- 23 • *Community scientists + Ecotourism – finding new ways to collect data that provides utility to*
- 24 *conservation science*
- 25 • *How can we expand what we have?*
- 26 • *How can we innovate?*
- 27 • *PR effort to switch misconceptions of traditional ways of looking at conservation and bringing in*
- 28 *communities with no history of connection to this.*
- 29 • *Habitat Connectivity – included many references to road crossings, wildlife passage*
- 30 • *People care and hope we'll take the information!*

31 32 **Stakeholder Comments**

33 Objective: Hear from stakeholders about their expectations for expenditures from OCRF.

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35 *The Committee heard invited testimony from:*

- 36 • *Jim Akenson & Amy Patrick, Oregon Hunters Association*
- 37 • *Kelley Beamer, Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts*
- 38 • *Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland*
- 39 • *Kyle Williams, Oregon Forest & Industries Council*
- 40 • *Priscilla Macy, Oregon Outdoors*

41 42 **Overview of Fundraising Campaign**

43 Objective: Link the Committee to the ongoing fundraising effort. Opportunity for members
44 to engage.

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46 *Jessica Waltz Schafer of the Wildlands Network briefed the Committee members on the current work of*
47 *the team she is leading to develop marketing messages for the OCRF campaign, to be launched this*
48 *summer. A key change is a pivot to focus on getting Oregonians back outdoors and back to work.*

49 50 **Public Comments**

51 The Committee heard comments from these members of the public:

- 1 • Clair Klock
- 2 • Kay Brown
- 3 • Leland Brown
- 4 • John Goodell
- 5 • Jim Greer

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7 Chair Wenner adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.
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