



Meeting: Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: February 5, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Committee minutes are considered draft until approved by the Committee.

Those attending part or all of the meeting included:

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)         |   |

ODFW Staff

- Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
- Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

3 Members of the Public

- Ken McCall, Oregon Hunters Association
- Tyler Dungannon, Oregon Hunters Association
- Kay Brown, R&E Board

**MEETING**

**Welcome**

On Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.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 Zoom platform.

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

**Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

Objective: Review and approve minutes from December 9, 2020 meeting.

*Vice Chair Mauricio Valadrian moved to approve the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2020 meeting with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Committee Member Mark Stern seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (6) in favor.*

**Update on Recent Grant Approvals**

Objective: Receive an update on status of expenditure recommendations from the December 9 meeting.

*Chair Wenner and Davia Palmeri presented the Committee's project funding proposal from the*

1 December 9 meeting to the Fish and Wildlife Commission on January 15. The Commission approved the  
2 seven projects recommended for funding from available funds and approved the list of twenty-two  
3 projects to be funded when funds become available.  
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5 As of January 15, there were already enough funds available to support the first two projects on the list  
6 of contingent projects. The Department will reach out to the next applicant on the approved list as soon  
7 as funds become available for their project.  
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### 9 **Update on Legislative Session**

10 Objective: Receive an update on legislative activities related to the OCRF program.

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12 *There are four bills under consideration in the Oregon Legislature that relate to the Oregon Conservation  
13 & Recreation Fund. All four have been assigned to the House Agriculture & Natural Resources  
14 Committee. Within Committee Member's official capacity you must remain neutral on anything other  
15 than agency and Governor bills. As Oregon citizens, you are welcome to participate in the legislative  
16 process on all other bills, but if you do, you must be clear you are representing yourself and not your  
17 position as a member of the Advisory Committee*  
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19 The bills related to the OCRF Program are:

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21 HB 2171 (from the Office of the Governor)

22 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2171/Introduced>  
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24 HB 2600 (from Rep. Helm et al.)

25 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2600/Introduced>  
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27 HB 2066 (from ODFW)

28 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2066/Introduced>  
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30 HB 2913 (from Rep. Helm)

31 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB2913/Introduced>  
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### 34 **Review Draft Annual Report**

35 Objective: Review draft annual report prepared by staff.

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37 *The Advisory Committee and the Department are required to submit a Biennial Report to the legislature,  
38 "regarding the expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund...and  
39 on the status of various activities funded by the moneys." Since the Committee began work in March of  
40 2020, the Department has prepared a draft Annual Report. The Committee provided the following  
41 recommendations to improve:*  
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- 43 • *Indicate that list of projects is a subset of what has been funded.*
- 44 • *Include a bit of next steps/path forward - closing the narrative from our beginnings to where we  
45 are going.*
- 46 • *Indicate that the Committee is filling a funding gap statewide*
- 47 • *Articulate the tremendous need that we experienced through the volume of applications in the  
48 second round.*

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50 *Staff will incorporate suggested improvements and the Committee will review the report via email.*  
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### 52 **Fundraising Update & Discussion**

53 Objective 1: Receive an update on current funding and discuss potential fundraising opportunities.

1 Objective 2: Discuss fundraising proposal from the Chair with remarks from Kelley Beamer from  
2 Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts.

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4 *As of February 4, \$273,118 has been raised or committed through ODFW and the Oregon Wildlife  
5 Foundation's OregonIsAlive.org. There is \$21,329 available in unobligated funds.*

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7 *Committee members discussed the Chair's proposal (summarized in the Meeting Materials) to incentivize  
8 large donors by committing a portion of the OCRF's General Fund appropriation (if those funds become  
9 available) to the project of the donor's choice. The Committee heard comments in support of this  
10 proposed approach from Kelley Beamer, Director of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trust.*

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12 *The Chair's proposal included a series of five questions for the Committee to consider. The consensus  
13 answers to those questions, based on the discussion, are summarized below. The next step will be for  
14 staff and Committee leadership to draft a formal description of the program for the Committee to review  
15 at the next meeting.*

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17 • We need to agree as a committee that this is an appropriate adjunct to our current fundraising  
18 efforts. *Committee members agree and support*
- 19 • We would then need to settle on what percentage of the donation would be appropriate to  
20 match with the forthcoming state funds. *Committee members support a commitment of 30%*
- 21 • We have to decide what would be a minimum amount of "restricted" donation that we would  
22 accept for match. *Committee members agree that donations should be \$10,000 or more to  
23 qualify for this program*
- 24 • We need to decide if we are going to limit such "restricted" donations to just the projects we  
25 have already vetted, or if we would consider other appropriate projects that we learn about  
26 throughout the state. *Yes, Committee members agree that they will consider new projects and  
27 will determine how in future conversations.*
- 28 • If we extend this to other selected projects around the state, then how will we vet those  
29 projects to make sure they conform to our mandate and our guiding principles. *Chair Wenner  
30 requested that Mark Stern and Maret Pajutee work with him between now and the next meeting  
31 to provide a draft for the Committee to consider.*

### 32 33 **Meeting Schedule for 2021**

34 Objective: Discuss schedule and Committee work through June 30, 2021.

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36 *The Committee agreed to continue meeting the first Friday of the month between now and June 30,  
37 2021. Those meeting dates are:*

- 38 • *March 5*
- 39 • *April 2*
- 40 • *May 7*
- 41 • *June 4*

### 42 43 **Public Comments**

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

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46 • Ken McCall

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48 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.