



Meeting: Conservation &  
Recreation Advisory Committee  
Meeting – Virtual Attendance  
Time: November 1, 2021 1:00  
PM Pacific Time (US and  
Canada)

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

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4 Those attending part all or part of the meeting included:

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6 Advisory Committee Members

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| 7 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains) | 13 Chris Hager (at-large)                   |
| 8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large)  | 14 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)        |
| 9 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)     | 15 Commissioner Mark Labhart                |
| 10 Mark Stern (at-large)                     | 16 Cailin O'Brien Feeney, Office of Outdoor |
| 11 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range) | 17 Recreation                               |
| 12 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range)        |   |

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19 ODFW Staff

- 20 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator  
21 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant  
22 Kelly Reis

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24 5 Members of the Public

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| 25 Mike Totey   | 28 Danielle Moser |
| 26 Greg Mintz   | 29 Jenny Keatinge |
| 27 Joe Severson |                   |

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31 **MEETING**

32 **Welcome**

33 On Monday, November 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and  
34 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only  
35 via the Zoom platform. Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something  
36 recent from their lives.

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38 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

39 Objective: Review and approve minutes from October 6 meeting.

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41 The minutes were not ready for Committee review today. Chair Wenner recommended holding over this  
42 approval to the December meeting.

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44 **Update on Current Funding Opportunity**

45 Objective 1: Receive information on the number and diversity of applications received.

46 Objective 2: Ensure Committee members are prepared to review and score proposals.

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1 Staff reported on the results of the October Commission meeting including updated regulations for the  
2 Advisory Committee that reflect changes in HB 2171, approval of a new grant to The Elakha Alliance, and  
3 approval of hiring a full time OCRF coordinator.  
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5 Chair Wenner reported to the Committee that the Oregon Wildlife Foundation was awarded a multi-  
6 million dollar mitigation settlement to resolve a fish kill incident in Fishhawk Lake. A portion of the funds  
7 are earmarked for the OCRF. Committee members Kelly Timchak, Mark Stern, Chris Hager, and Jane  
8 Hartline volunteered to assist ODFW and OWF with determining the best course of action for when to  
9 deposit these funds in to the OCRF account.  
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11 The current fundraising total is \$819,849, which indicates that the fundraising need is \$725,151 to match  
12 all of the state General Funds appropriated to the OCRF.  
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14 Applications for OCRF projects were due on October 22. The Committee is planning to select  
15 approximately 15 projects or \$300,000 for review by the Commission in January. We received 37  
16 applications. The projects can be roughly categorized as 26 conservation and 11 recreation projects, but  
17 represent a spectrum of connections between the two. The applications cover all nine of the state's  
18 ecoregions.  
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20 Committee members and staff will review the projects throughout November and make  
21 recommendations at the December 6 meeting. Each reviewer will score 18 or 19 projects, resulting in  
22 each project having four scores.  
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#### 24 **Identifying Priorities for OCRF Projects**

25 Objective: Agree on strategic priorities to target with 2021-2023 biennium OCRF funds  
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27 The Committee members discussed the highest priority funding activities for future OCRF expenditures in  
28 the future. The top level priority was continuing the emphasis on building the connection between the  
29 intersection of conservation and recreation, because increased recreational opportunities can help build  
30 conservation advocacy.  
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#### 32 **Other considerations:**

- 33 - Charge ODFW staff with connecting with people working in the high priority spaces and see what  
34 they need to do their work better.
- 35 - Building a better connection directly to building capacity at ODFW (helping ODFW connect with  
36 more partners, rewarding applicants for collaboration with ODFW staff, etc.).
- 37 - Maintaining the opportunity for pure science projects where a recreation-nexus would  
38 detrimental to a species.
- 39 - Honing in on the detailed needs for priority species (locations for habitat work, specific data  
40 needs, recovery goals), in partnership with working groups or other interested organizations.
- 41 - Bonus points for addressing key conservation issues or working in Conservation Opportunity  
42 Areas
- 43 - Emphasis on kids, youth, education, and underserved populations.  
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#### 46 **Implementing Priorities for the 2021-2023 Biennium**

47 Objective 1: Discuss the number, type, and timing of funding opportunities for 2021-2023

48 Objective 2: Discuss monitoring budget

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2 *The Committee decided by consensus that the next round of OCRF funding will be an open solicitation*  
3 *with an updated application process that seeks to target future focuses.*  
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5 *The Committee discussed the need to return to every funded project and ensure the work has been*  
6 *completed as expected. This could be done through hiring a third party or an internal process.*  
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### 8 **Changes to Expenditure Framework to Reflect Priorities**

9 Objective: Direct staff to make edits to the Expenditure Framework for review and approval at  
10 December 6 meeting.  
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12 *The Committee briefly discussed the application process and actual application for the next funding*  
13 *opportunity.*  
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#### 15 *Process ideas:*

- 16 - *Articulate how we will evaluate the impact and cost effectiveness of the project*
- 17 - *There has been appreciation among applicants for the relative simplicity of the OCRF application.*  
18 *In order to keep this strong relationship with applicants, there should be consistency or a pre-*  
19 *announced timeline of criteria/priorities.*
- 20 - *Applicants like:*
  - 21 ○ *Brevity*
  - 22 ○ *Inclusivity*
  - 23 ○ *Having a committee to talk to*
- 24 - *Highlight different priorities with different cycles (like OWEB doing Jan. technical assistance and*  
25 *June Conservation), or like OWEB's open solicitation and OWEB's FIPs*  
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#### 27 *Application*

- 28 - *Current application feels too conservation focused.*
- 29 - *Put the onus on the applicant to demonstrate connection to the Oregon Conservation Strategy*  
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31 *Staff will make suggested edits based on the discussion today and propose those to the Committee in*  
32 *advance of the December 6 meeting.*  
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### 34 **Meeting Wrap up & Next Steps**

35 Objective: Summarize Action Items from today's meeting and identify outstanding decisions.  
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#### 37 *Action Items:*

- 38 - *All members to review their assigned projects by COB Wednesday, November 24.*
- 39 - *Staff to draft proposed updates to the application process.*  
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#### 41 *Other business:*

- 42 - *All Committee members' terms expire on January 2, 2022. Members will likely need to reapply*  
43 *through the Workday application. More information will be available in December.*
- 44 - *The Recovering America's Wildlife Act ([S.2372](#)) will likely have a hearing in the Senate*  
45 *Environment and Public Works Committee on September 8.*  
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### 47 **Public Comments**

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

- 49 ○ Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association

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2 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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