



Meeting: Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting – Virtual Attendance
Time: May 6, 2025, 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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

Those attending all or part of the meeting included:

Advisory Committee Members

- 6 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains)
- 7 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large)
- 8 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades)
- 9 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley)
- 10 Liza Jane McAlister (Columbia Plateau & Blue Mountains)
- 12 Jim Hammett (Northern Basin & Range)
- 13 Mark Labhart, ODFW Commissioner
- 14 Andrea Hanson, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
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ODFW Staff

- 18 Jessica Watson, Acting Habitat Division Administrator
- 19 Reva Gillman, OCRF Coordinator, ODFW
- 20 Tiffany Caldwell, Habitat Division Grants Administrative Specialist, ODFW
- 21 Rachel Wheat, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator, ODFW
- 22 Bernadette Graham-Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator, ODFW

Guest Presenters

- 25 Tim Greseth, Executive Director, Oregon Wildlife Foundation
- 26 Graham Evans-Peters, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex
- 27 Hailey Paquette, Director of Client Experience at Quinn Thomas (marketing and communications)

MEETING

Welcome

On Tuesday, May 06, 2025, at 1:00 p.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 Microsoft Teams platform.
Chair Wenner welcomed New Committee Member, Andrea Hanson from OPRD.

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes.

Review and approve minutes from April 1, 2024.

The motion passed with five (5) in favor and four (4) absent members.

Wildlife Crossing Introduction

Rachel Wheat, Wildlife Crossing Coordinator, ODFW and Bernadette Graham-Hudson, Wildlife Division Administrator, ODFW gave an overview of the Wildlife Crossing fund and project specifications.

1 Q&A/Discussion followed.
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4 **Wildlife Crossing Project Presentation**

5 Tim Greseth, Executive Director, Oregon Wildlife Foundation, gave presentation of the Mt. Ashland I-5
6 Wildlife Crossing project, proposed for funding.
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8 *Discussion Followed.*
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11 **Wildlife Crossing Project Presentation**

12 Graham Evans-Peters, US Fish and Wildlife Service, gave presentation on the Cackler Marsh
13 Aquatic Passage Restoration Project proposed for funding.
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15 *Discussion Followed.*
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17 **Wildlife Crossing Staff Review**

18 Rachel Wheat provided staff/technical recommendations that both projects fit the criteria for funding.
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20 *Discussion Followed.*
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22 *Liza Jane McAlister moved to approve the Oregon Wildlife Foundation "Adaptive Plan to Improve Wildlife
23 Passage Under Interstate-5" project, totaling \$274,500 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and
24 Recreation Fund's Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bonds.*

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26 *Mauricio Valadrian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
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28 *Jane Hartline moved to approve the US Fish and Wildlife Service "Cackler Marsh Aquatic Passage
29 Restoration" project, totaling \$300,000 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation
30 Fund's Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bonds.*

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32 *Maret Pajutee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*
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34 *Discussion Followed.*
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37 **Public Comment**

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39 No public comment was received.
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41 **Strategic Communications Planning Update**

42 Hailey Paquette, Quinn Thomas, gave an update on OCRF communications planning with Quinn Thomas.
43 Hailey received feedback from the Committee on messaging materials being developed for the program.
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45 *Discussion Followed.*
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48 **Meeting Wrap Up & Next Steps**

49 Reva Gillman gave an update on upcoming meetings.
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51 **Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 3:58 PM.**
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