



Meeting: Conservation &
Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting – Virtual Attendance
Time: July 15, 2021 10:00 AM
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) | 12 Mark Stern (at-large) |
| 8 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large) | 13 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range) |
| 9 Tim Davis (Northern Basin & Range) | 14 Commissioner Mark Labhart |
| 10 Jane Hartline (Willamette Valley) | 15 Cailin O'Brien Feeney, Office of Outdoor |
| 11 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades) | 16 Recreation |

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18 ODFW Staff

19 Davia Palmeri, Conservation Policy Coordinator
20 Michelle Tate, Executive Assistant

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22 4 Members of the Public

23 Jim Greer, Sisters, OR
24 Mike Totey, Oregon Hunters Association
25 Ken McCall, Oregon Hunters Association
26 Sristi Kamal, Defenders of Wildlife

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28 **MEETING**

29 **Welcome**

30 On Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 10:01 a.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and
31 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only
32 via the Zoom platform. Warm up - Committee members introduced themselves and shared something
33 recent from their lives.

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35 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes**

36 Objective: Review and approve minutes from June 4, 2021 meeting.

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38 *Committee Member Mark Stern moved to approve the meeting minutes from the June 4, 2021 meeting*
39 *with continued authority to correct grammar and punctuation. Committee Member Jane Hartline*
40 *seconded the motion and the motion carried with seven (7) in favor.*

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42 **Update on the Outcome of the Legislative Session**

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

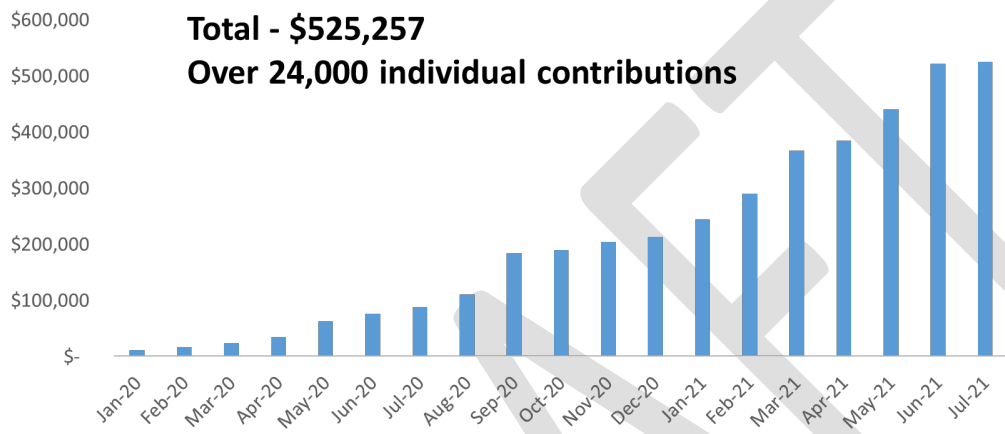
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45 • \$2.5 Million appropriated for the 2021-2023 biennium
46 • \$1 million General Fund to be matched with private donations in 2021-2023 (HB 2171)
47 • \$545K from GF to match funds raised in 2019-2021 (HB 5006)

- 1 • \$1 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (covid relief) for Oregon Outdoor Recreation Stimulus (HB 5006)
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- 3 • Sunset removed from OCRF Program
- 4 • Office of Outdoor Recreation role on Advisory Committee codified
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6 **Final Fundraising Status for the 2019-2021 Biennium**

7 Objective: Receive an update on the final total of funds raised in the 2019-2021 biennium and other
 8 results of the fundraising effort.

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 10 *The Committee heard an update on staff, summarized in the table below.*



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 14 **Review Projects Funded in the 2019-2021 Biennium**

15 Objective: Review the diversity of expenditures in the 2019-2021 biennium, identify gaps and
 16 opportunities for future expenditures.

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 18 *Staff reported on summary metrics for all projects funded in the 2019-2021. Committee members*
 19 *identified some gaps including no projects focused on amphibian conservation no projects in the*
 20 *Columbia Plateau Ecoregion*

Nearshore	Coast Range	Willamette Valley	Klamath Mountains	West Cascades	East Cascades	Columbia Plateau	Blue Mtns	Northern Basin & Range
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Purely Cons	Cons w/ Rec	Fully hybrid	Rec w/ Cons	Purely Rec
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Bird	Mammal	Reptile	Amphibian	Fish	Invert	All taxa	Human
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Measuring Success

Objective: Agree to approach to using 5% of funds to investigating, monitoring, and reporting on the success of expenditures.

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The Committee members discussed the Committee's commitment to spend 5% of project funds on monitoring and agreed to discuss this in more detail at the in person meeting this fall. Ideas include:

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- Adding ODFW staff using the 5%, staff would focus on telling the story of the OCRF and supporting monitoring efforts

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- Need to better define the 5%

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- Need to standardize a a detailed report template from all applicants

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Planning for the Future of the OCRF

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Objective1: Identify short term actions for the OCRF.

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Objective2: Agree on process & timeline for developing a plan for OCRF expenditures in the future (working on the bigger scheme).

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Committee members discussed short term and long term actions for future expenditures from the OCRF. Multiple members feel strongly that we should commence accepting proposals for small grants, because there is strong demand and it takes about 6 months from when we open an opportunity for grants to become available.

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Other ideas the Committee members shared:

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- We should collect metrics on job creation and other economy-stimulation, particularly for the ARPA funds.

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- Can consider giving extra points or other support for projects that fill a strategic gap.

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- Could actively recruit projects that fill the gaps in implementing the Oregon Conservation Strategy and other priorities of the Committee.

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The Committee members agreed to open an opportunity immediately for grants up to \$20,000 with a due date in October and another for up to \$50,000 due in February. This would result in 15 projects @ \$20,000, 15 @ \$50,000 for a total of just over \$1,000,000. The Commmittee will use the rest of 2021 to plan for the rest of the funds available to the OCRF.

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1 **Planning for in person meetings**

2 Objective: Identify date and logistics for Committee’s first in-person meeting.

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4 *The Committee members heard from Michelle Tate about the logistics for an in person meeting this fall.*
5 *Committee members will fill out a doodle poll to select a date.*

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7 **Public Comments**

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

9 - Ken McCall, Oregon Hunters Association-

- 10 ○ Experience with contracting a monitoring specialist from work at Siuslaw
- 11 ○ Wide range of interest and projects that we are generating. Some projects are really
- 12 hard to measure success, DEI projects are really tough to keep statistics on.

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14 Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 12:29 p.m.

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