



Meeting: Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting – Virtual Attendance
Time: March 6th, 2023,
1:00 PM Pacific Time
(US and Canada)

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

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

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5 Advisory Committee Members

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| 6 Dr. Karl Wenner (Chair, Klamath Mountains) | 10 Dr. Sristi Kamal (at-large) |
| 7 Mauricio Valadrian (Vice-Chair, at-large) | 11 ODFW Commissioner Mark Labhart |
| 8 Maret Pajutee (East and West Cascades) | 12 Cailin O’Brien Feeney, Office of Outdoor |
| 9 Kelly Timchak (Nearshore and Coast Range) | 13 Recreation |

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15 ODFW Staff

- 16 Dr. Charlotte Regula-Whitefield, OCRF Coordinator
17 Deputy Director Shannon Hurn, Deputy Director for Administration, ODFW
18 Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW
19 Adrienne Averett, East Region Implementation Coordinator; Interdivision Beaver Coordinator (special
20 assignment), ODFW

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22 Guest Presentation:

23 Dr. Megan Jones, Assistant Professor and Assistant Unit Leader, OSU

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25 **MEETING**

26 **Welcome**

27 On Monday, March 6th, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., Chair Karl Wenner, called the Oregon Conservation and
28 Recreation Advisory Committee (the Committee) meeting to order. This meeting was held online only
29 via the Zoom platform.

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

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33 **OCRF Legislative Update and Budgeting**

34 Deputy Director Shannon Hurn and Sarah Reif provided an update on the status of the Oregon legislative
35 session as it related to the OCRF program.

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37 *OCRF Advisory Committee members discussed the 2023 long-session legislative process and current bills*
38 *that are being considered. Advisory Committee members asked questions about the coordinator position*
39 *funding source and how funds will be used by the department to continue staff support.*

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41 ODFW Staff Charlotte Whitefield provided a short presentation on current OCRF finances budget and
42 remaining funds in OCRF accounts for the 2023 granting season.

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44 *OCRF Advisory Committee members discussed available funds for granting in 2023.*

1 **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes.**

2 Review and approve minutes from January 9th, 2022.

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4 The motions passed with six (6) in favor and two (2) absent member.

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6 **Communications Development**

7 ODFW Staff Charlotte Whitefield provided a short presentation on the website updates and
8 improvements, as well as an updated draft version of a communication product.

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10 *OCRF Advisory Committee members discussed the updated communications product and provided
11 feedback on the interest on continuing to create and refine communications products.*

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13 **Public Comment**

14 Public was invited to comment on agenda items or strategic priorities for the OCRF.

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16 *Public Comment was received by Jim Greer on outreach to the OCRF Coalition and the currently
17 considered special project request - Let's talk about beavers: Using social science to reduce conflict and
18 enable coexistence in a changing climate.*

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20 **Special Project Presentation:** Let's talk about beavers: Using social science to reduce conflict and enable
21 coexistence in a changing climate

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23 ODFW Staff Charlotte Whitefield introduced the special project process and procedure for the special
24 project subcommittee. Guest presenters Dr. Jones and Adrienne Averett provided a short overview of
25 the work and how it related to the ODFW beaver management plan.

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27 *OCRF Advisory Committee members discussed their thoughts and excitement for this project. Several
28 follow-up questions were asked of presenters.*

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30 *The motions passed with six (6) in favor and two (2) absent member.*

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32 **Chair Karl Wenner adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.**