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OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR 5 COUNCIL SEATS

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) is seeking nominations for 5 at-large member seats to serve a 2-year term 2019-2020. Could you, or someone you know, be a good addition to the Council? **Send us a nomination by November 8, 2018.**

Many state, federal, and tribal governments, as well as local government agencies and non-governmental organizations, play a role in managing invasive species. In order to successfully protect Oregon from invasive species, the OISC recognizes the need for collaboration between a wide range of fields and expertise. Strong nominees will have expertise in one or more of the following areas: environmental law; marine and estuary ecology; aquaculture, horticulture; weed control; small woodlands; parks and recreation; environmental or outdoor education; K-12 education; pet trade; regional industry or representation; and seed or nursery industry. The council is particularly interested in representation outside the Willamette Valley including Coastal, Eastern, Southern, or Central Oregon. Nominees should be willing and able to serve for two years.

Council members support advancement of [Oregon's Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species](#) and benefit from the multi-agency communication and collaboration that the OISC provides through meetings, committees, events, and communication. Council members are expected to attend 2-3 meetings per year in various parts of the state, participate in conference calls, and contribute to other Council activities. Council members are not paid, but are reimbursed for travel expenses associated with Council business, including Council meetings. There is a two-term limit.

Nominations and questions about the process should be sent to coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org. **The deadline to receive nominations is November 8, 2018.**

Nominations must include the following:

- Individual's name, title, phone, e-mail, and mailing address
- A brief description of the nominee's qualifications (self nominations are acceptable)
- A statement from the nominee that explains their interest and contributions they are willing to make to the Council.
- Letters of support for the nominee are also helpful.

The council will welcome the new appointees at the first meeting of the Council in 2019, date to be determined.

ABOUT THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The Council's mission is to protect Oregon's natural resources and economy by planning and leading a coordinated and comprehensive effort through collaborative, cross-agency participation. Since its inception in 2001, the OISC has maintained invasive species reporting hotlines, educated the public about invasive species, conducted educational meetings and conferences, and provided a grant/loan program for eradicating invasive species. In 2016, the Council adopted a Statewide Strategic Plan and Action Plan that outlines the long-term and short-term strategies for the state's invasive species control and include the following objectives:

1. Prevention
2. Early Detection & Rapid Response
3. Control & Management
4. Education & Outreach
5. Coordination & Leadership

The Council is comprised of voting ex officio representatives from seven state agencies: Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State University (Sea Grant), Portland State University (Center for Lakes and Reservoirs), Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Marine Board, and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Ten at-large members are appointed by the ex officio representatives. Council members represent government agencies, tribes, universities, industries, organizations, and individuals with an interest and expertise in some aspect of invasive species management.

For more information about the Oregon Invasive Species Council or the Statewide Strategic Plan & Action Plan, please visit www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org.