



October 18-19, 2022
Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Salem

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Draft Minutes

Attendance

Voting Members

Present	Name	Statutory Position
X	Rick Boatner, Chair	State Department of Fish & Wildlife (ex-officio)
X	Christine Moffitt, PhD, Vice Chair	Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson or Josephine Counties (appointed)
X	Chris Benemann	State Department of Agriculture (ex-officio)
X	Cat de Rivera, PhD	Center for Lakes & Reservoirs (ex-officio)
X	Rick Boatner	State Department of Fish & Wildlife (ex-officio)
X	Sam Chan, PhD	Sea Grant College Program (ex-officio)
X	Wyatt Williams, PhD	State Department of Forestry (ex-officio)
X	Josh Emerson	State Department of Environmental Quality (ex-officio)
X	Glenn Dolphin	State Marine Board (ex-officio)
X	Noel Bacheller	State Parks & Recreation Department (ex-officio)
X	Eugene Wier, Freshwater Trust	Environmental Stewardship Organization/Association (ex-officio)
X	Katie Murray, Oregonians for Food & Shelter	Private Industry Organization/Association (appointed)
	Cheryl Shippentower	Native American/Indian Tribe (appointed)
	Brian Clapp, Union County	Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union,

		Wallowa, Wasco or Wheeler Counties (appointed)
	Tim Newton	Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake or Malheur Counties (appointed)
X	Chuck Fisk	Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion or Polk Counties (appointed)
X	Alex Staunch, Mosaic Ecology	Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington or Yamhill Counties (appointed)
X	Peter Kenagy, Kenagy Family Farms	Member of the Public (appointed)
	(vacant)	Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln or Tillamook Counties (appointed)

Non-Voting Members

Present	Name	Statutory Position
X	Senator Lew Frederick	Member of the Senate (ex-officio)
X	Representative David Brock-Smith	Member of the House of Representatives (ex-officio)
X	Patrick Sieng, Public Affairs Counsel	State Invasive Species Coordinator (ex-officio)
X	Morgan Gratz-Weiser	Office of the Governor (ex-officio)
X	Stacy Johnson	US Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management (ex-officio)
X	Karen Ripley	US Department of Agriculture – Forest Service (ex-officio)
X	Sean McMillen	US Department of Agriculture – Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (ex-officio)
X	Kathy Pendergrass	US Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service
X	Nikki Brooks	US Department of Homeland Security – Customs & Border Protection (ex-officio)
X	Jen Poirier	US Fish & Wildlife Service
X	Heidi McMaster	US Bureau of Reclamation

Others Attending:

- Director Curt Melcher, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- James Capurso, PhD, US Department of Agriculture – Forest Service
- Michelle Delepine, West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Robyn Draheim, Tideline Consulting PDX
- Will Lackey, Oregon Department of Transportation
- Jessica Keys, Office of US Senator Jeff Merkley

- Rode Krige, Portland State University
- Josh Mulhollem, Oregon State Marine Board
- Ashley Newcomb, Portland State University
- Matt Paroulek, Port of Portland
- Anthony Prisiandaro, Bureau of Reclamation
- Kit Rouhe, PhD, Portland State University
- Steve Rumrill, PhD, Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
- Shon Schooler, PhD, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Emma Scott, Portland State University
- Theresa Thom, PhD, US Fish & Wildlife
- Reagan Thomas, Portland State University
- Gary Vonderohe, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Lindsey Wise, Portland State University

Welcome

Chair Rick Boatner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Introductions

Council members and guests introduced themselves. Curt Melcher, Director of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, welcomed council members and talked briefly about the departments work in preparation for the 2023 legislative session.

Council Business

Approval of June 2022 Minutes

Chair Rick Boatner said that the minutes were included in the packet and distributed prior to the meeting. Hyperlinks to video are included in the minutes. The consensus of the council was to review the minutes after the meeting and submit comments/changes by October 21st. The approval

Budget/Financial Report

Chair Rick Boatner said that the council had \$111,329.68 in the operations fund and \$53,400.78 in the emergency fund. Grant Balances were: \$14,687.50 in the US Bureau of Land Management grant, \$33,637.50 in the US Forest Service grant fund, and \$29,230.00 in the University of California Hub grant. There was some discussion about expending funds prior to the end of the biennium. The education and outreach committee will revisit previous grant proposals if additional funds are available. There was also some discussion about additional work for Emerald Ash Borer efforts. Some funding from US Forest Service will be coming. Patrick Sieng will work with the Department of Agriculture to outline expected expenses and how much might be leftover to use for grants for outreach and/or awards.

Emergency Control Account Funding

Chair Rick Boatner said there have not been recent requests for funding out of emergency control account but there is a need to increase funding. There was

discussion about how to replenish this account during the next legislative session. Representative David Brock Smith has a draft legislative concept to allocate more funds to the emergency control account as well as OISC operations. The legislative committee and leadership will meet with Representative David Brock Smith to discuss his proposal and coordinate with the Department of Agriculture. It was unknown if the Department of Agriculture had a policy option package specifically for the emergency control account. The executive committee will work on further budget evaluation and allocation.

Legislative Revision Changes (Staggering Council Seats)

Chair Rick Boatner said that when the legislature made changes to the OISC statute, the council ended up with eight positions being appointed on one year and just two during the next year. The goal would be to have 5 positions on a rotating basis each year. Discussion was whether a legislative concept was needed. Senator Frederick suggested that the change be implemented into the bylaws and just reported to the Legislature. A suggestion was made that three positions be extended by a year to get the appointed voting members on schedule. The Governance Committee and the Legislative Committee will work together on proposals for the bylaws.

New Business

Proposed Bylaws Changes (Chair/Vice-Chair Succession) – Exhibits Page 1

Chair Rick Boatner discussed bylaws changes needed for chair/vice-chair succession. An amendment would be needed to Article III, Section 2 in the bylaws. There was a rotation schedule from 2005 to 2019 prior to changes from the Legislature. A proposal was introduced to go back to a rotation for chair and vice-chair through the ex-officio voting members. There was discussion about a co-vice chair from the appointed voting members to assist the leadership and whether the chair should be elected.

VOTE: Dr. Cat de Rivera made a motion to have the chair and vice-chair of the council be selected from a rotation of ex-officio voting members to be determined by the council with an optional appointed voting member elected as a co-vice chair. Noel Bacheller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTE: Dr. Cat de Rivera made a motion for the council to develop a rotation between the ex-officio voting members which is subject to change as needed. Dr. Sam Chan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Business

Memorandum of Understanding Update

Dr. Cat de Rivera said that the memorandum of understanding with the Department of Agriculture was complete. She will send to Patrick Sieng to distribute to the council and post on the website.

Council Reports

[Wildfire Recovery/Weed Issues](#) – Exhibits Page 4

Dr. Wyatt Williams shared information about the 2020 wildfires and post-fire challenges with invasive plants. He shared a fact sheet discussing the wildfires and efforts from the Department of Forestry on recovery.

[ODFW: Mussels, Inspection Stations, Crayfish](#)

Chair Rick Boatner said that the department conducted 14,000 watercraft inspections, which matched 2016 numbers. There were 6 boats with mussels and 289 boats with other invasive species. Numbers were down throughout most western states. There are a few stations still open and there are some commercial vessels that will come through in the winter months.

[House Agriculture Committee Recap](#)

Dr. Christine Moffitt provided an update on the council's presentation to the House Agriculture, Land Use, and Water Committee. Dr. Christine Moffitt attended virtually with Chair Rick Boatner, Alex Staunch, and Peter Kenagy. The presentation was well received and included topics such as the information hub, emergency control account. More communication with the Legislature is required going forward.

Legislative/Governor's Office Update

[Representative David Brock Smith](#)

Representative David Brock Smith said that the council's presentation was well received. He looks forward to working with the council on funding needed. He also has a funding bill for sudden oak death and smallmouth bass in the Coquille River.

[Senator Lew Frederick](#)

Senator Lew Frederick said it was important for legislators to support the council. He said that the makeup of the legislature was still to be decided with the upcoming elections and turnover among the membership.

[Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Office of Governor Kate Brown](#)

Morgan Gratz-Weiser thanked Senator Frederick and Representative Brock Smith for their support during the 2022 session and provided some information about issues and transition plan for the Governor's Office. She encouraged the council to engage with new staff in the Governor's Office next year. The

Governor's Recommended Budget will be drafted by the new Governor and released by February 1st.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Invasive Species Challenges on the Willamette River (Video Not Available)

Members of the council visited the farm of council member Peter Kenagy. Members from Willamette Riverkeepers described the issue of ludwigia and mitigation along the Willamette River.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Proposed Bylaws Changes (Chair/Vice-Chair Succession) Continued

Chair Rick Boatner developed the rotation for chair and vice chair. The proposed schedule is:

- 2023: Chair – OSMB, Vice-Chair – Sea Grant
- 2024: Chair – Sea Grant, Vice-Chair – OPRD
- 2025: Chair – OPRD, Vice-Chair – DEQ
- 2026: Chair – DEQ, Vice-Chair – ODA
- 2027: Chair – ODA, Vice-Chair – ODF
- 2028: Chair – ODF, Vice-Chair – PSU
- 2029: Chair – PSU, Vice-Chair – ODFW
- 2030: Chair – ODFW, Vice-Chair – OSMB

Committee Reports

Communications

No Report

Governance

Dr. Christine Moffitt said governance issues were discussed yesterday. Updating information on the website is also important.

Legislative

Peter Kenagy said that the committee will engage with Representative David Brock Smith regarding his legislative concept. There was discussion about coordinating efforts with the Department of Agriculture. Representative Brock Smith's proposal is to allocate \$480,000 to the council - \$300,000 for operations, \$100,000 for education and outreach, and \$80,000 for the emergency control account. Current funding from the department is approximately \$200,000 per biennium. There was discussion about more funds to the emergency control account versus education and outreach.

Education & Outreach

Dr. Sam Chan said that the committee had been meeting jointly with the Communications Committee. There is a lot of overlap and he suggested that the committees continue to meet together and possibly merge them. He said the committee should revisit proposals that were submitted in 2019 for potential grant possibilities.

Working Group Reports

Information Hub – Exhibits Page 8

Alex Staunch said that they are rolling out approximately 70 species. There is a goal to have 120 species introduced by January. Emma Scott, Rode Krige, and Reagan Thomas from Portland State University provided a profile of 10 species, criteria for inclusion/exclusion, current workflow, and had questions for the council on how to prioritize. Dr. Cat de Rivera said that there is a grant from the University of California regarding climate change with a survey coming out soon.

Emerald Ash Borer – Exhibits Page 11

Chris Benemann provided background on the Emerald Ash Borer, current status, information about the Task Force, funding from the state, and next steps. Dr. Wyatt Williams discussed moving ash wood, wood waste needs, wood utilization needs, written plan for alternate practices, replanting, survey and research needs, ash seed sites, and project maps and photos.

Smallmouth Bass – Exhibits Page 34

Gary Vonderohe from the Department of Fish & Wildlife provided an update on Smallmouth Bass in the Coquille River Basin. He provided a refresher from his June presentation to the council and discussed work occurring during 2022, and removal and results.

Feral Swine – Exhibits Page 43

Chair Rick Boatner discussed feral swine in Oregon including damage, the 2007 action plan, management tools, and partnerships. It is believed that Oregon is feral swine free now.

Green Crab

Dr. Cat de Rivera provided background on the Green Crab, formerly known as European Green Crab. Dr. Steven Rumrill discussed management of Green Crab, recreational fisheries and catch limits, regional management in the Pacific Northwest, national management and control plan, management in Oregon,

eDNA – Exhibits Page 49

Jim Capurso from the US Forest Service discussed concerns about limited sampling of aquatic invasive species. A region-wide strategy for the Northwest was created.

Marion Soil & Water Conservation District Plant Work

No Report/Update. Subject tabled to another meeting.

State Plan Revision

Robyn Draheim said that they are almost done with the implementation table, which identifies the action items they have come up with through stakeholder meetings. A draft is being developed and comments will be requested.

Other Business

Dr. Christine Moffitt asked whether the council materials should be available to the public. The consensus is that the council is a public entity and that all materials should be available and posted to the public. Dr. Christine Moffitt questioned the video links and slides in the minutes. The consensus was that the council liked the access to the information and said that minutes should just have a summary on actions items but they do not need to be a transcript.

There was some discussion and questions to Chris Benemann regarding the legislative and agency budget process.

Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Training

Dr. Theresa Thom provided a presentation on HACCP and explained why planning is essential, five steps of HACCP planning, and the benefits of a strong planning team.

Other Business

There was discussion about bringing back the council awards and having a dinner next year to recognize winners. Nominations will be sought, and the council will discuss possible nominations. The goal is to hold the dinner during the legislative session and invasive species awareness week.

The council scheduled their next meeting for December 14, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Chair Rick Boatner adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

