



OISC Minutes from January 11, 2022 General Council Meeting

Meeting held virtually from 1pm-4:30pm via GoToMeeting with dial-in phone option

Summary of Outcomes and Priority Action Items:

- Research, draft and submit legislative concept via ODA for insurance coverage
- Work with ODA & Samara Group for transitional contract
- Recruit/confirm nominations & appointments for vacant seats.
- Publish Information Hub online resource “pilot species” and prioritize review/approval of remaining species
- Assemble planning team for June meeting (in-person meeting on Oregon Coast)

Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 8, 2021 meeting

2021 Draft minutes sent with meeting reminder. *Moved to approve with minor edits: Eugene; Seconded by Chuck Fisk.*

Vote In the chat. Motion carried. Action: Will post and distribute final version soon.

Introducing New OISC Coordination Team: Public Affairs Counsel

Still finalizing the new contract. Cannot seek billable services until contract is finalized. PAC received draft contract today. Patrick Sieng will be the main point of contact. Salem-based firm. Mark Nelson founded in 1976; 2016 new owner JL Wilson. 40 clients: national clients to local associations for lobbying. No presence in DC. Manage 7 statewide or local associations. 3 divisions: PAC; "Wayfinder Communications" is the product development and pr-strategic communications wing of the firm. Largest client is bottle recycling effort; Nelson Research is a polling group.

Patrick Sieng:

Salem-based. Previously worked for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Rep Jean Cowan (Coastal Caucus, NR Committee), Marion Soil & Water Conservation District; Ports policy analyst for Business Oregon; Lobbyist and Analyst for OR Assoc of Counties; Continues to be a registered Lobbyist. PAC has several clients in Oregon spanning natural and human resources, medical and tribal entities.

Karen Ripley: Are there cautions about our relationship and activities w.r.t. PAC being a lobbying firm?

Patrick: PAC will not lobby on behalf of OISC.

Samara Group Wrap-Up & Accomplishments, Info-Hub Summary *Jalene Littlejohn*

Recently Completed:

- Emergency Control Account: draft blog post of accomplishments to Troy, Patrick;
- How to Move to Oregon web pages. Had been waiting on review and some images. Removed the elements that were in-question. Lists need some imagery. Now pages are live: <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/moving> Files have been provided.
- Tracking Tools: AirTable Reference Guide (Troy, Patrick, 3 more users) and materials on public website. Directory of contacts, meetings & events, Operating Procedures, 2022 Workplan, Documents. Can be useful if we continue to maintain it. Description & Purposes. Committee page includes output listing the tasks that committees are committed to.

Still working on :

- Press release for new members, leadership
- 2021 outgoing member recognition, certificates



- Fill vacant member seats
- 2022 Workplan (recurring tasks + specific 2022 tasks)
- Transition meetings w PAC
- Publish Digital Information Hub. Has been reviewed. Profiles ready to go for a subset of species (37: Primer species, priority "Watch List" species). Action: Want to verify regulatory-affected species w the regulators. Common name. Species name. Linked to a "proposed edits" table - shows which have been reviewed or edits. May still need more content review. Webpage has been drafted. (She'll share; pw protected). Includes "Active alert" species (recent event or call to action); things to watch for in OR; some links may not work. Fish. Mammals (only feral swine). Amphib and reptiles (empty; needs a note that still under construction, not that there aren't any!). Ready to transition workload and publish.

Move to obtain review and approve the content and publishing the Digital Information Hub (phase 1)

- Motion: Christine Moffitt; Seconded: Alex Stauch

Discussion: What's needed? Review more and cover the interim taxa?

- Content can be modified after publishing.
- Add notes that welcome feedback.
- Want to get it out there so members and associates can review it.
- Roughly 16 are ready to go of c. 164 spp (from the Worst List) in the Info hub.
- A lot more can be done with each profile. Multiple people have access.

Karen: Want to be organized and deliberate.

WG (Nikki) will continue updating the species profiles and parse out review to taxa experts; update assignments.

Alex Stauch: Will PAC manage this? (TA: Eventually. PAC will turn on specific records "live" on the website).

Jalene Littlejohn: There's a table of proposed edits (form). Can review groups. Hasn't put the link to the public form on the website. If you want to provide edits, substantive taxa, feedback, email the coordinator (who can send the form out).

Noel Bacheller: Moving forward with the subset "Watch" list. Did all of them get reviewed? Plants, yes.

Jalene: Not all species got reviewed. Wants to be sure priorities all get reviewed before send live. Hub working group will re-share the access and pw.

Intention: Get council and colleagues reviewing the content! Use the password protocol. Need to move forward.

Troy Abercrombie: Proposal ... Nikki scheduling a meeting soon. Interim SOW must be prepared for the contracting with an interim/transitional contract w Samara Group. Include this (up to publishing) in the draft list of deliverables.

Cat de Rivera: c. 18 spp ready to publish. Get them up. Push for the next 10 or so.

Cat: Motion- Seconded by Troy.

- 1) Post the 18 that have been reviewed and are ready for public;
- 2) prioritize getting reviews done, coordinated by Work Group/Nikki?;
- 3) Indicate support In Samara transition contract to complete more work (edits, newly reviewed, publish).

Vote In the chat: Motion passed.

Budget Update



Samara Group Transitional Contract: Need a SOW w Samara Group for review. Have 50 hours. Priority: acquaint Patrick and PAC w OISC and transition workload (25 hrs). Some tasks. Few hours: future help.

Budget Update: Clarifying OISC vs. ODA Reports. Annie B, Chris Beneman/ODA.

Funds available, revenue change. \$218K balance.

USFWS grant expended.

Some BLM (expires end of 2022 - need to meet deliverables!) and FS \$ available.

Don't have Rick's spreadsheet to compare for discrepancies.

OISC Emergency Fund: interest in a mechanism to replenish it. Have \$53,000 now. How to replenish it?

CB: It's not a true "emergency fund" (designated in rules like Nursery Program's emergency fund: Must get higher authority to use. Replenished regularly by certain (i.e. license) fees).

Could replenish the OISC account by:

1. Move money into it from another source. Can (judiciously) award for control activities.
2. Initiate a Legislative concept for a rule that defines it as a stand-alone EF; POP to handle the financial transfer of funding. Caution: might affect OISC flexibility to spend it on range of (other) activities. There's not a clear source of the replenishment funds/fees.

Loren is happy to have more conversation.

Glenn Dolphin: OR Revised Statute defines control activities. ORS 570.810(4).

https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_570.810 OISC account is truly a "control account". There is a defined process for requesting/receiving the funds.

Cat: There is an Oregon "E Board" statewide Emergency Account. OISC could apply to use those funds.

Glenn: There are rules about such requests: limited timing; only available to agencies; etc.

Sam Chan(chat): There is high value in designating funds specifically for an IS Emergency Control Account. Otherwise, we lose an essential tool. Having a mechanism for replenishment is strategic. CDR and TA agree.

Sam: Need ability to act rapidly.

Break

Thanks to Chris for investigating this replenishment issue and providing update and agreeing to future consultations.

Revising Oregon's State Plan for Aquatic Nuisance Species

Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University

(No presentation in use). Oregon's plan is 20 years old; one of the first state plans in the west; not informed by other state plans; out of date. Other state plans run by state Fish&Wildlife agencies. All plans required and defined as part of National IS Mgmt Act. OR's by PSU Center for Lakes and Reservoirs.

Outcomes: Not solely animals. Requires multi entity engagement and communication.

Goals: Revise current Oregon ANS plan so it:

- Includes current and expected concerns, updated laws, management strategies, and partners;
- Captures broader input on needs, including protecting cultural resources from ANS, and including tribal input;
- Includes climate change effects and adaptation;
- Captures marine and estuarine ANS more explicitly;



- Is comprehensive and enduring, including being flexible enough to incorporate needed work as new threats change; but having clear, concrete scope and tasks

Jalene Littlejohn (Samara Group) and Robyn Draheim (25 years on AIS; past OISC member rep for USFWS; Pac States Marine Fisheries Commission; urban forestry AIS issues; PSU) will have major roles.

Plan: Jan-June 2022 will revise. JLJ will do outreach. RD will review other state plans, draft new plan. Steering Team and Review Team will be identified and involved. OISC members can provide input to JLJ. Recommend others to provide input. CDR will get input from Aquatic Nuisance Spp Task Force. Rules for “update/revision” vs new plan (requires Governor’s signature). Need to keep same major sections as current plan which also meet national requirements.

Glenn: Great news! Willing to help. On Exec Committee of Western Regional ANSp group (?). His agency does the new Boat Inspection laws. Who is paying for JLJ and RD’s time? A: PSU has funds for the plan.

Christine Moffitt: Is CDR the PI? Yes.

Troy: Supports the OISC providing input. It’s our responsibility to help.

Cat: Glenn and Rick are really important in regular implementation of the current plan. She hopes to find more synergy between plan content and work of the OISC. E.g. Plan requires a list of priority spp. Rather than having a static list, would prefer to link to the HUB, so is regularly updated with reviewed content.

2022 Meetings: In-Person/Virtual Decisions

Discussion: Anticipated emerging from COVID and receiving new health guidance from OHA. March 2022 meeting (approved by vote) was going to be in person. Shift back to virtual? Tentatively plan for June to be in-person. Depends on what people are allowed to participate in.

Eugene Wier: Recommends changing plan. Maybe an in-person in Summer. Moves that the March meeting be virtual. Glenn seconded.

Christine: Discussion. March was going to focus on coastal issues. Will subject content change?

Sam: Were people already contacted? CM: Just informal conversation. i.e. Watershed Councils.

Sam: Consider planning a field event between March and June meetings to learn about coastal issues.

Eugene: Really wants to meet in person. Is a hybrid meeting possible with some in person, others virtual?

Christine: It’s possible. Just depends on connection platform. e.g. GoToMeeting works. Can we have a focus group to work on potential structure?

Noel: June is a better bet for (coastal weather and COVID) field meeting than March would be. TA agrees. Thinks policy makers and organizations – more availability than field workers.

Eugene: Would look forward to an in-person or outdoor field meeting.

Sam: Launch the primer to policy makers. Virtual meeting isn’t effective for this. Encourages having a hybrid or field event on Coast in June and on the Eastside in September. Convene a planning team in March or April?

Christine: Could create a video recording for viewing afterwards and for those who could not attend.

Chuck Fisk: Just attended a Future NR Leaders meeting. It worked via phones at outdoor stations. Indoor facility was an Experimental Forest near Portland.

Patrick: PAC has sound and video equipment capability for hybrid meetings that we can use as well.

Troy: Concern no OISC meetings between now and March. Need to execute our meeting well to convey the content.

Sam: Good European Green Crab outreach recently. Groups need help with broad issues. ODFW getting push-back on eating green crabs (not tested for domoic acid). Concern: Is eating really an effective control mechanism?

Christine: That support doesn’t require an in-person meeting structure.

Sam: A council work session could be effective.



Eugene Motion: Go virtual in March and host an in-person meeting on the coast in June. (Glenn Dolphin second)

Motion carries.

One Nay: Comfortable with the concept and thinks original March plan is do-able; he's not subject to agency procedures.

Troy: wants meeting to be inclusive and effective.

Sam: Cases at OSU.

Eugene: School suspended again, so he can't leave home.

Sean McMillen: Federal employees can't travel right now.

Karen: Motion- Assemble a working group to plan for an April-June in person or virtual meeting.

Second: by Chuck (who volunteered).

Christine: Vision to assemble a team (in person or virtual meetings) to organize strategic planning team prior to June.

Discussion: Ed-Outreach and Communication Committees can be involved.

Sam: Goal is to engage local policy makers. Needs planning. Hopes contractor can help. It'll be a good model for planning the eastside meeting.

Christine will be part (lead) for it.

Troy will help: has the coastal webinar pre-planning (north and upper-mid-coast) available. Wants to Re-Launch the Primer so it'll be more effective.

Eugene wants to be on that team.

Vote: Motion carried. Action: Team will plan effective meeting for April-June, coast. Hope to include in-person elements.

New Eastside Council Member: Brian Clapp self-nominated. Union Co Noxious Weed Supervisor. Wallowa Resources experience. Tri-county CWMA. Endorsed by Dave Pranger. Action: Will assemble and submit application to ex officio members.

Committee/Working Group Discussion Items & Pending Decision Requests

- **Governance Committee:** (Troy) Christine will take over from Troy. Finishing up rule changes that were initiated before.
- **Executive Committee:** (Troy) Nothing on docket now. Will call meeting soon for transitional Samara contract and Council Insurance.
- **Legislative Committee-** Legislative Concept for Insurance; Statute Review (Semi-Independent Agency). Christine & Peter Kenagy: Reaching out to Sen Fredericks' staff. Yet to hear back. Primer: Sent by mail and electronically also had a couple calls in the past. Realize need to Improve communication. He likes face to face; Invited to visit Peter's farm. Sen Frederick and Rep. David Brock-Smith want to see real people and real things. Wyatt has 10-15 printed copies of the Primer; can distribute it. Troy wants to Re-Launch the primer.
- **MOU Working Group Update** (Cat): Little progress. Identified some needed changes. Fleshing out role of Council Itself. Clarifying the expenditures of the control account - "eradication or control" vs "range of activities that support control". More work w Legislative Committee. Troy really pleased with this work; recognizes that the process is useful. **Cat:** ODA must include OISC early in budget-cut scenario development (very quick turnaround). Want to define (in bylaws) how OISC could participate effectively.
- **E&O** (Sam). Transition from HUB development to testing and implementation. Wants to help plan the field trips. Green crab situation.
- **Communications.** (Karen) 2020 Annual Report is published. Will recruit content for 2021 report with help of PAC. Members can support planning for spring meetings and relaunch of the



Primer. Karen will review the membership. Would be happy to have co-lead. Very small group. Cat volunteered.

Troy: All OISC members should review their committee memberships. Confirm that are willing to stay.
Noel: Seeking support on Info Hub working group; requests a new leader be identified now that set up is generally completed. Roy will continue as co-chair. Good news! Abstract accepted for a poster to Urban Ecology and Conservation Symposium (through PSU) meeting.

Round Table Discussion and Updates

Eugene: Local CWMA in Rogue Basin Partnership realized needed a more integrated approach – treat weeds and restore vegetation. Partnership with Native Plant organization is happening. Example: Removed garlic mustard but didn't get new robust veg community. Alex: "Seeding grass species after garlic mustard is a great way to compete with the GM over time and allow broadleaf specific herbicide to still be applied."

Troy: Quick W.I.N. update- worked with Daniel Son (ODA – Central OR IPM Specialist for ODA; used to be with Deschutes CO). Now forming Klamath Co CWMA with Western Invasives Network MOUs, closes up a big hole in the WIN geographic area.

Sam: IUFRO (International Union for Forest Research Organizations) Invasive Species Working Group got our Primer and shared it. Suggested improvement for EAB content!

Troy enthusiastic about the work of the Council. He'll assemble notes/minutes.

Public Comment: None.

Troy: Goal to welcome folks to attend and participate. Share the invitations!

Eugene: The length, agenda of a typical council meeting might intimidate the public. Suggests a public listening session. Troy supports that suggestion. Option: Schedule public comment at beginning of meeting ...? Brainstorm with PAC ...?

Christine: Must get meeting notice out well in advance ... allow public comments to be submitted in writing.

Next meeting March 8, 2022. Will be virtual. 1-4:30pm. Make suggestions for agenda to Troy or Christine.

Council Members in Attendance:

Troy Abercrombie, 2022 OISC Chair (Western Invasives Network), Alexander Stauch (Mosaic Ecology), Eugene Wier (The Freshwater Trust, Rogue Basin Partnership), Edward "Chuck" Fisk (Private business, several counties), Wyatt Williams (ODF), Peter Kenagy (Public Member), Nicki Brooks (Customs & Border Patrol), Josh Emerson (Oregon DEQ), Katie Murray (Oregonians for Food and Shelter), Glenn Dolphin (Oregon State Marine Board), Catherine de Rivera (PSU, Center for Lakes and Reservoirs), Noel Bacheller (Oregon State Parks), Karen Ripley (USDA Forest Service), Christine Moffitt 2022 Vice-Chair (Friends of South Slough), Patrick Sieng (OISC Coordinator-Public Affairs Counsel), Shawn McMillen (USDA APHIS), Annie Blietz (ODA), Sam Chan, SeaGrant OSU

Other Attendees:

Robyn Draheim (re: OR Aquatic Invasive Sp. Mgmt Plan), Jalene Littlejohn (Public), Jen Poirier (USFWS), Roy Marler (Customs & Border Patrol),

Minutes recorded by Troy Abercrombie and Karen Ripley