

# Oregon Invasive Species Council

Virtual Meeting Agenda | January 11, 2022 | 1:00 - 4:30 PM

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1:00 PM	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <i>Troy Abercrombie, 2022 OISC Chair (Western Invasives Network)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name, Organization</li> </ul>
1:15 PM	<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 2021 meeting</b> <i>Troy Abercrombie, 2022 OISC Chair</i>
1:20 PM	<b>Introducing New OISC Coordination Team: Public Affairs Counsel</b> <i>Patrick Sieng, Public Affairs Counsel</i>
1:40 PM	<b>Samara Group Wrap-Up &amp; Accomplishments, Info-Hub Summary (15 min+5 min Q&amp;A)</b> <i>Jalene Littlejohn</i>
2:00 PM	<b>Budget Update: Clarifying OISC vs. ODA Reports; Samara Group Transitional Contract</b> Approval of Internal Line-Item Budget <i>ODA Staff, Troy Abercrombie</i>
2:25 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:35 PM	<b>Revising Oregon's State Plan for Aquatic Nuisance Species</b> <i>Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University</i>
2:45 PM	<b>2022 Meetings: In-Person/Virtual Decisions</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Committee/Working Group Discussion Items &amp; Pending Decision Requests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee Leadership Update</li> <li>Legislative Committee- Legislative Concept for Insurance; Statute Review (S.I.A)</li> <li>MOU Working Group Update</li> <li>E&amp;O</li> <li>Communications</li> </ul>
3:45 PM	<b>Round Table Updates</b> <i>Open to all Council members</i>
4:10 PM	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:15 PM	<b>Next Meeting &amp; Close</b>



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# **DRAFT Oregon Invasive Species Council**

## **Business Meeting Minutes**

### **December 8, 2021 | Virtual (1:00 - 4:30 pm)**

#### Summary of Outcomes:

- October 2021 meeting minutes were approved with a minor edit.
  - The Council approved the nominations & election of Troy Abercrombie as Chair and Christine Moffitt as Vice Chair.
  - The Budget & Funding Committee will work with ODA to figure out discrepancies in budget dollar amounts.
  - Samara Group will be putting together documentation of tasks and procedures as well as wrapping up a few key projects.
  - The Legislative Committee will work on pursuing insurance for the Council.
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#### Welcome & Introductions

*Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife)*

See participants list at the end of the minutes.

Rick recognized two outgoing council members. Dave Pranger served two terms on the Council. Dave's level-headed approach and consistent participation with the development of an Eastern Oregon Working Group and coordination of the OISC's Boardman Council meeting and information forum was greatly appreciated. Jas. Adams has been involved for many years. He was a co-lead for the development of the Oregon's Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species and invested time in supporting the Legislative Committee during his time on the Council. These are significant commitments that Jas has consistently followed through on. Former council members are encouraged to stay involved with committee projects or other efforts in the future as we value their expertise, input, and knowledge of our efforts over the years.

Rick also recognized the incoming members for 2022. Katie Murray is a 1st term appointed members. She will be filling the Industry seat as the Executive Director of Oregonians for Food & Shelter. The OISC members who will be returning for a second term are Peter Kenagy, Cheryl Shippentower, Alex Staunch, Tim Newton, Troy Abercrombie, and Chuck Fisk. Chris Benemann will also be representing the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) on the Council for the interim until a Plant program director is hired.

This will also be Samara Group's last meeting as the OISC Coordinators. Jalene and the Samara Group team have been with the Council since 2015. We appreciate their support to push the Council forward.

- (Chat) Christine Moffitt to Everyone: We really appreciate your work Jalene. Your engagement has been highly professional and creative throughout this past time.
- Troy: We hope we can find ways to engage with Samara Group moving forward. The quality of the products that you've helped us produce are second to none.

- (Chat) David Pranger to Everyone: Let's not forget Marie since I know she has been there in the meetings as well.
- (Chat) Kathy Pendergrass to Everyone: So sad to see Jalene leave us.
- (Chat) Samuel Chan to Everyone: Jalene and Samara colleagues, Thank you so much for enabling the Council and allowing us to innovate and be effective during a challenging time. The State and the OISC is better in protecting Oregon from invasive species because of you and your team's contributions.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 2021

*Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife)*

Christine: Capitalize “English Hawthorn”

**Christine Moffitt moved to accept the October 2021 meeting minutes as amended.**

**2nd: Chuck Fisk**

**All voting members approved.**

## Introduction to slate of Chair & Vice Chair nominees, Q&A, and Voting Link

*Jalene Littlejohn, OISC Coordinator (Samara Group)*

Last year officers were elected via an electronic voting link that was tallied and announced at the end of the meeting. Since there was only one candidate for each position, the council opted to move forward with a motion.

**Dave Pranger moved to accept the nomination of Troy Abercrombie as Chair and Christine Moffitt as Vice Chair.**

**2nd: Sam Chan**

**All voting members approved.**

- (Chat) Eugene Wier to Everyone: Thank you both for stepping up.
- (Chat) Samuel Chan to Everyone: Sincere thank you Troy and Christine for your service as Chair and Vice Chair!
- (Chat) Wyatt Williams to Everyone: Looking forward to Troy and Christine leading OISC!
- Troy: Congratulations! Our first appointed members to serve as both Chair and Vice-chair!- I did not say this, I don't think. I wasn't aware of this fact until somebody made this statement in the chat.

## 2021-2023 OISC Budget

*Rick Boatner, 2021 OISC Chair (Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife)*

*Oregon Department of Agriculture*

When comparing budget summary numbers (below) with the budget documents that ODA sent us (see [meeting packet](#)), there are some differences in numbers. We will need to work with Roberta at ODA to figure out why our numbers are so different before an expense budget can be approved by the OISC. We spent the US Fish & Wildlife Service grant as of 8/21/21 - no more funds available there. We have one more year to spend the Bureau of Land Management grant and 3 more years to spend the US Forest Service grant.

OISC Budget Summary Sheet, 21-23 Biennium (7/1/21-6/30/23)				
Revenue:	Funds available on 7/01/21	Revenue change as of 12/3/21	Total	Grant Award Period
Emergency Fund	53,083.44	117.33	<b>53,200.77</b>	
Lottery Revenue	159,777.00	-20,439.90	<b>139,337.10</b>	
Interest Income	0.00	124.10	<b>124.10</b>	
Donations	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Federal Grants				
U.S.F.S #271201	50,000.00	-16,362.50	<b>33,637.50</b>	9/1/20-12/31/24
BLM #271204	20,000.00	-5,312.50	<b>14,687.50</b>	6/19/20-12/31/22
USDA- Aphis	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
USFWS #109930	9,500.00	-9,500.00	<b>0.00</b>	8/1/20-8/1/21
Other Grants	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Incidental Income	0.00	21.42	<b>21.42</b>	
AY23 GF Appropriation	0.00	0.00	<b>0.00</b>	
Remaining Balance:	292,360.44		<b>241,008.39</b>	

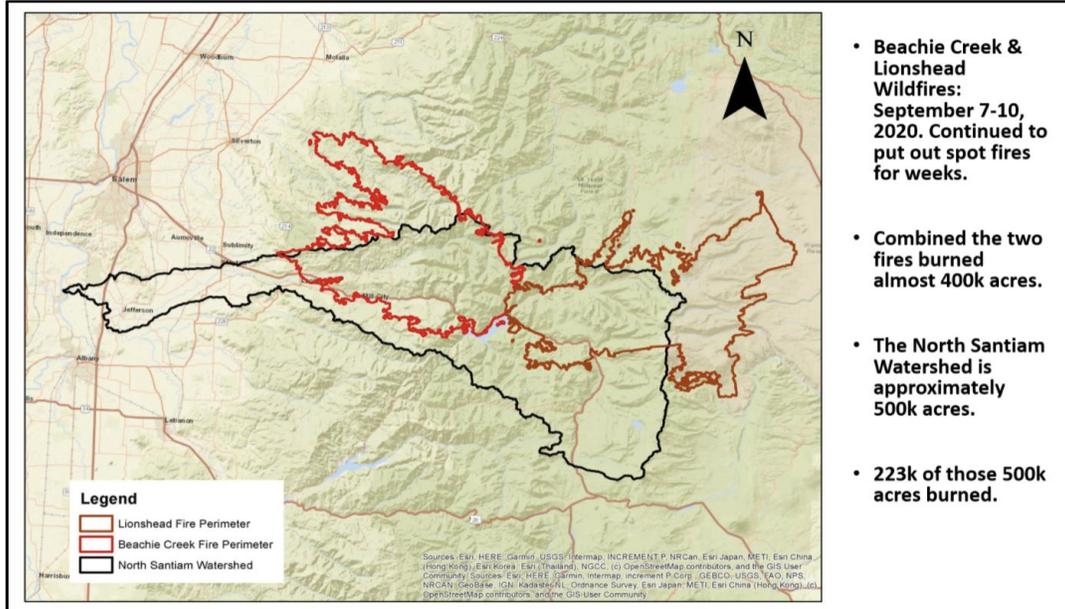
- (Chat) Samuel Chan to Everyone: Rick, please explain the nature of the Emergency Fund.
  - Rick: It's a fund used over the years to address emergency invasive species issues. It has never been replenished. Current balance of \$53,000 reflects the balance of the fund after the last distribution for the Apple Maggot response request that was approved earlier this year (\$30,000).
- (Chat) Samuel Chan to Everyone: Being able to replenish the Emergency Account back to \$300,000 enables Oregon to respond rapidly to mitigating new invasions.
- (Chat) Ripley, Karen - FS to Everyone: Can ODA clarify when we'd need to prepare/seek a Policy Option Package (POP) to replenish the Emergency Fund and/or have resources to do the Education and Outreach grants?
  - Rick: That has to be done quickly.
  - Jalene: Issak (ODA) informed us previously that we need to start a conversation with ODA about POPs or legislative concepts in January.
- (Chat) Ripley, Karen - FS to Everyone: Since we don't have an OISC meeting before January, can we please discuss the POP procedure, timing (Jan-Feb?) and decide upon Council action.
- Sam: Seems like we need to start working on the mechanics of this this month. We want to identify and communicate the value of the emergency funds.
- Jalene: We will make a note that this task is on the list for January. Also, we are putting together blog posts to highlight what the emergency account has been used for in the past.
  - (Chat) Lindsey Wise to Everyone: Very smart to have a public blog post re: effect of emergency funds. Thanks Jalene.

## Post-Fire Recovery in the North Santiam Watershed ([link to presentation](#))

*Rebecca McCoun, North Santiam Watershed Council*

The North Santiam Watershed Council's mission is to provide opportunities for stakeholders to cooperate in promoting and sustaining the health of the watershed and its communities. Our programs

include landowner restoration, collaborative planning & partnership building, and community engagement & education.



In 2020, the North Santiam Watershed experienced fire and wind which was very devastating. Erosion is a big issue along the banks. There were erosion control efforts using weed free straw that was distributed in October 2020 to 130 landowners and erosion risk site assessments were completed using a Marion SWCD Post Wildfire grant for \$30,000. 2,520 lbs of native grass seed was also distributed to 92 landowners for erosion and weed control. There have been native plant distribution efforts that have resulted in 41,000 trees and shrubs being distributed to 140 landowners that were impacted by the wildfire. These and other efforts were made possible by donated materials, grant funds received, and the work of volunteers! We will be submitting a new proposal for the OWEB Post Fire Recovery grant to cover 2020 post-fire upland and riparian replanting efforts.

- (Chat) Kathy Pendergrass to Everyone: great work!
- (Chat) Catherine de Rivera to Everyone: Thanks for that great presentation. The fires and wind effects are so heartbreaking but it's great to hear your response and how healing that was for land and people (though more healing needed).
- (Chat) Lindsey Wise to Everyone: The North Santiam survey team used our new iMapInvasives Survey123 for field data collection, it was great to see that data coming in over the summer, available for anyone to view online, e.g. some of the Beachie Fire sites are at: <https://imapinvasives.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html?x=-122.1133&y=44.7220&z=12&fproj=1149;Beachie%20Creek%20Fire%20EDRR>

*Q (Troy): Thank you for your presentation. When fires first happened, the OISC assessed how we could be helpful. Put together an aggregation of [post-fire information on the OISC website](#). What are the current needs?*

*A (Rebecca): The biggest thing moving forward is we need a plan in place for preventative efforts such as cleaning boots, boats, gear, etc. The scope and scale is so large, it has to be active education, not just money. The landscape that was is no longer.*

*The land went from shaded forested areas to open sunny areas. Landowners needed a lot of help.*

*Q (Christine): Your photo essay is fantastic. Lessons learned from this are so important. Have you thought about working with OPB or a journal setting to share your lessons learned?*

*A (Rebecca): Yes, we're doing the best we can to get the word out there. We had some field tours and local partnerships with counties. The public works department didn't realize how much erosion would be an issue. Integrated pest management is also important. Education and coordination with the right people involved is critical.*

*Q (Eugene): Sounds similar to the Almeda fire. Has a group stepped up to be the central leader of the effort?*

*Rebecca: We have Partners of North Santiam. Sustainable Northwest has also been working with the groups.*

*Q (Noel): Would you be interested in Oregon Parks & Recreation as a match for the OWEB opportunity?*

*A (Rebecca): That would be great to incorporate into the "work that others are doing" section of the application. Please reach out to me.*

- Wyatt: I echo what Noel said. There are opportunities for match from the Oregon Department of Forestry as well. Happy to help be the conduit for that.

## New Oregon Department of Agriculture Quarantine Rules

*Chris Benemann, Oregon Department of Agriculture*

As most of you are probably aware, there was an interception of zebra mussels on moss balls earlier this year which prompted a 180-day emergency rule. ODA moved forward to put that into a permanent rule which would require pre-notification of import into Oregon of these moss balls/marimo. There will be a public hearing on December 15th at 10am. We don't anticipate any objections. Also looking to implement a new quarantine for spotted lanternfly, which is already spreading rapidly on the east coast. It's not a matter of if, but when. There are many loopholes for how this pest can get into the state. The quarantine will be split into commerce (nursery stock) and non-commerce (people moving here from infested areas).

*Q (Christine): Are you listing specific species or is it general?*

*A (Chris): Specific quarantines for spotted lanternfly and then the moss balls.*

*Q (Troy): On the commerce side there are some well established avenues for getting information out. For the non-commerce side, what mechanisms does ODA have planned to implement?*

*A (Chris): Outreach is key. For the 2 dead specimen detections last year, there was outreach through extension and through individuals. For quarantine outreach, the IPM center at OSU. Looking to simplify the language so people are aware. There is also communication through the National Plant Board for those outside our state. Working with other states to harmonize quarantines and messaging.*

*Q (Rick): Is a letter of support needed?*

*A (Chris): This shouldn't be needed at this point.*

*Q (Sam): How's collaboration with federal partners?*

*A (Chris): It's a key issue.*

- Sen. Frederick: I would like to know more about what we are dealing with moss balls and spotted lanternfly for the Natural Resources Committee so that we know about the issues.

- \*Rick gave a brief update about the issue being a nationwide issue (49 states) and ODA/ODFW role in the state.
- Chris: So many different ways to be carried around, poses unique challenge.
- Jalene: There is the “How to Move to Oregon” white paper and working with state neighbors - particularly California and Washington. There are some education and outreach strategies queued up in that white paper, including targeted ideas of where to focus online ads in infested states/zip codes. We will be getting pages online before we are done with the Samara Group contract.
- (Chat) Chris Benemann (ODA) to Everyone: OSU pub on Spotted Lanternfly  
<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9312.pdf>
- (Chat) R. Jalene Littlejohn to Everyone: Some additional links about these issues:
  - <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/recent-pest-alerts>
  - <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/news-channel/2021/3/4/pest-alert-zebra-mussels>
  - <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/news-channel/2021/10/28/possible-spotted-lanternfly-detection-in-washington-state>

## Round Table Updates

- Rick: Update on the AIS prevention program. 2 stations are currently open - Ashland and Ontario. At the end of the season, we will be at right about 20,000 inspections. 12 with zebra/quagga mussels, 300 with other biofouling. We also issued the first citation since the inception of the program to someone who knowingly had zebra/quagga mussels. Washington cited him as well. I can also give an update on the rusty crayfish treatment in a pond near Seneca. We couldn't do treatment this year because of fire, but our goal is to go back in June and re-sample and do additional treatment. The good news is that there were no rusty crayfish in the water nearby that was sampled.
- Christine: South Slough NERR had a press release of green crab work that was picked up by OBP. It had recipes for how to cook green crab. The Department of State Lands is working hard to become more involved in outreach.
 

*Q (Christine): Sen. Frederick on PNWER - any knowledge of the invasive species subcommittee?*

*A (Sen. Frederick): I've only been involved for a little while. Sat in briefly on a conversation about invasive species, but not much more discussion. I will talk with them in the future.*
- Glenn: Since the AIS program started, we have gotten around \$800,000 per fiscal year, which is fully funded by boater fees - no lottery or general funds. The pandemic got more people out on the water, etc. so we saw revenue click up. Brought in over \$1 million during the fiscal year. Thanks to boaters and their invasive species permits.
  - Jas.: Kudos to the Marine Board for bringing non-motorized boaters into the program.
- Wyatt: [This link](#) has information about Sudden Oak Death (SOD) compiled by Sarah Navarro with the US Forest Service. Concentration of SOD effort is in the Port Orford area. There is a new genetic lineage: NA2. Over 200 trees sampled since June and 150 of those 200 were positive. The next step is to create a treatment of those trees with a 600 foot buffer = 581 acres planned to be treated, almost all on private land. About 30 have been completed. SOD program at Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is managed by ODF Pathologist Gabi Ritokova. HB2663 FY21-23 \$1.7 million almost all goes to big treatment areas. \$800,000 in federal funding.

Monthly SOD call organized by Sarah Navarro - Dec 16th at 11am. Ask me for details if interested.

*Q (Noel): Any need for on the ground for access on State Park land?*

*A (Wyatt): I would have to ask our pathologist and put you two in touch.*

*Currently using aerial surveys and streambaits. Visit OSU extension webinar to see signs and symptoms. Any Tanoak that has brown leaves is an irregularity and is a symptom that we look for.*

- Noel: Oregon Parks & Recreation Department is killing weeds in parks across the state - also work on nutria is a major part of the work we are doing.
- Troy: WIN is working on expanding the WIN CWMA network. Klamath county is missing from that group, which is a critical area due to habitats that are found there. Similar to the info hub, WIN has been working with Samara Group on a smaller scale hub on weeds that focuses on the timing of treatments. Worked with Jalene and Samara Team on the recently submitted proposal to Western IPM that will help build out invasive species hub.
- Karen: In January, Shawna Bautista and I will meet with Forest Service recreation staff. I have a running list of things I want to cover with them (don't move firewood, Forest Service welcomes detection traps, etc.). Now I've added invasive species control and prevention after listening to Rebecca's presentation.
- Chris: Another pest that has been deregulated by US Department of Agriculture is the light brown apple moth. We have lost the federal shield that safeguards us from the rest of the country. We will need to reach out to industries. This pest has a wide host range, lots of things we like to eat. IPPM program does not have available funding to continue statewide trapping efforts, so we would have to rely on industry for support if they want to go to bat against this pest. For Japanese beetle (JB) efforts, we have a dog on loan to test out their ability to sniff out JB grubs.
  - (Chat) Lindsey Wise to Everyone: Will be neat to hear how the Japanese beetle-seeking dog works out - they have proven effective on other species.
- Tim: Finally getting back to full time noxious weeds, excited to get plugged back into the OISC. I was at the Oregon County Weed Control Association meeting yesterday and I updated them on our situation (due to COVID & shortfalls, the weed staff has been supporting the hemp program). I was also just on a call with the State Weed Board Coordinator Alliance and there was a topic on the agenda about the infrastructure bill: section 11522 invasive plant elimination program which would provide money to states annually. Need further discussion with the Oregon Department of Transportation to see how those funds will come into the state to make sure we make good use of those funds. There is also language in that bill about using native plants. Potential for new funds for an additional grant program.

*Q (Jalene): Will the grant program you mention be expanding the weed board grants or will that include other activities?*

*A (Tim): Would be complementing state weed board grants. These funds would be looking to emphasize aquatic projects, fire restoration projects. Also allows for funding for equipment.*

*Q (Jalene): I wonder if there is a way to partner on the Education & Outreach grant program effort that the OISC had but funding was taken away.*

*Q (Troy): is education & outreach an eligible activity under the new grant program?*

*A (Tim): If it's tied to a project.*

*Noel: \$50 million from infrastructure bill - do you know how much would come to Oregon?*

*A (Time): Too soon to tell.*

## Committees & Working Group Open Items

### *MOU Working Group*

#### **Progress update re: Memorandum of Understanding with Oregon Department of Agriculture, Catherine de Rivera (Portland State University - Center for Lakes and Reservoirs)**

About a month ago, the OISC MOU Working Group met with Lauren with ODA and Renee with the DOJ to go over the draft MOU that Renee put together. It's still evolving. Renee is making sure it's consistent with what's in statute. There are 5 main takeaways:

1. We are in no-man's land for insurance: we are not covered under ODA. Could request a statutory fix that allows the Council to be covered under state risk policy.
2. We are within ODA. As such we are not our own state quasi-agency but rather function as a program of the ODA.
3. Structure: relevant legislation and what it means. ODA (budget, submit POPs, announce public meetings, etc.) and OISC responsibilities, as called out by legislation and as needed; how we meet those responsibilities.
4. Longer term: Legislative Concept (due May/June or aim for 2025): Petition to become a semi-independent agency. See [182.456](#) on semi-autonomous agencies (such as Oregon Wine Board).
5. If we hire a Council Coordinator, it must be done as a contract position if we want the position to be at the direction of the OISC rather than 100% at the direction of the ODA Director.

Group discussion regarding the MOU:

*Q (Jas.): If we are a part of ODA, why wouldn't OISC be covered by their insurance?*

*A: Probably nobody thought of it.*

*Q (Jalene): Rick, you mentioned previously that you'd like to put together a Working Group to review statutes about semi-independent state entities.*

*A (Rick): Yes, if council members are interested in being part of this working group, send me a chat.*

*A (Troy): Who and when will we work on the legislative concept piece as far as the insurance issue?*

*A (Cat): I would recommend the OISC Legislative Committee work with Chris and Lauren.*

- (Chat) Jas Adams to Everyone: The meeting materials contains some comments on the MOU. I don't think the quoted sections convey my actual view vis-à-vis statutes. I have no objection to attaching an appendix to the MOU of all pertinent statutes, setting them forth verbatim. I have no objection to including citations to those statutes in the MOU. All I was trying to convey is that I think it is a mistake to paraphrase statutory requirements, because any paraphrase is arguably an "interpretation" of the statute. I understood Renee Moulun to have said the MOU would not be a dispositive interpretation of the statutes as to which DOJ was in agreement. I want to clarify that the original ask of ODA was to obtain legal advice from Oregon DOJ that reconciled the role of ODA as a fiscal agent for OISC, its role as a voting member of the Council, and its role vis-à-vis the statement that OISC was established in ODA. I was the one who then suggested that ODA and OISC reach an MOU setting forth expectations and commitments between them. Hence, if that is what the MOU is for, I think the best approach would be to set forth the relevant statutes verbatim in an appendix, include citations to such statutes wherever it is

helpful to do so in the MOU, but avoid paraphrasing statutes or purporting to interpret them in the MOU. The focus should be on the substance of the points of agreement between ODA and OISC as to what commitments are made to each other. That is all I was trying to convey.

- *Karen: I'm concerned. We heard the need for an urgent POP related to insurance coverage, funding, and MOU, but I don't see a path forward to get those things done.*
- *Jas.: If we were really part of ODA, shouldn't they be handling our affairs and making sure we have insurance coverage? Seems like the only thing within ODA is them handling our contracts and fiscal agent.*
- *Rick: ODA is helping. I met with the ODA management team, they are engaging.*
- *Christine: Seems to me that this needs to be brought up to a higher level.*
- *Jalene: I'm putting together draft work plans for the committees as something that can be passed over.*
- *Troy: Karen is right about urgency. Insurance piece is easy to articulate. Solution seems like a simple one.*
- *Jas: Semi-independent is the wrong term. Just want the ability to control things that affect the Council, such as budget and infrastructure.*
- *Troy: I agree that the nomenclature isn't ideal, but we're just regurgitating what's in statute*
- *(Chat) Ripley, Karen - FS to Everyone: If the Executive & Legislative Committees and Chris/ODA know the deadlines and requirements for pursuing insurance; replenishment of the Emergency Fund and additional funds for education and outreach; addressing more complex questions about identity and autonomy, I'm more relieved.*

### *Legislative Committee*

#### **Christine Moffitt (Friends of South Slough Reserve)**

The OISC has one legislative liaison, Representative Brock Smith and another pending, Senator Frederick. The other thing we are looking forward to is to work on budget issues.

### *Education & Outreach*

#### **Sam Chan, (Oregon Sea Grant)**

The Education & Outreach Committee has been working closely with the Communications Committee as well as the Info Hub Working Group. The main report from the Education & Outreach Committee is our committee assuming the transition of the OISC Invasive Species Info Hub towards education, application, partnering with industry, NGO, and agency stakeholder applications and refinement to account for new advances. An information hub only continues to be useful if the information is kept current and interactive. Thanks to Jalene and team, a grant proposal was submitted to secure these funds along with ideas for future funding. In the statewide Education & Outreach grant arena, the grant applications we received just prior to the pandemic are a valuable assessment of outreach needs expressed from invasive species network throughout the state. We will use these to strategize grants if funds become available.

### *Communications Committee*

#### **Progress update re: 2020 Annual Plan, Karen Ripley (USDA Forest Service)**

The 2020 annual report was finalized. It was sent out with the meeting materials and is posted [on the website](#). I'm starting to work on populating the 2021 annual report now. In the meantime, jot down a list of accomplishments and save them so we can publicize the work that has been done.

## Pass the Gavel: Announcement of 2022 OISC Chair & Vice Chair

Troy and Christine are the new Chair and Vice Chair!

### Public Comment

No public comment.

### Next Meeting & Close Public Meeting

Next OISC Meeting is January 11, 2022.

- Jalene: It's hard to express how much I've enjoyed working with you all.
- (Chat) Ripley, Karen - FS to Everyone: So appreciative of the high quality work, consistent optimism, creativity, and technological breakthroughs that Samara Group has provided us. We will miss you personally too, Jalene!
- (Chat) Catherine de Rivera to Everyone: I don't think I can thank Jalene within a few minutes. Samara Group has been central to the Council and how we operate.
- Brendan: Loved working with you.
- Sam: Working with Jalene has helped the OISC grow and evolve. Samara Group adapted to the needs of the Council which is what we needed!
- Jas.: Mastermind of the Strategic Plan
  - Sam: Primer too!
- Troy: Appreciate Samara Team putting in 110%

### Executive Session: Next Steps for 2022 Coordinator Contract

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## Meeting Participants

### Council Members

Troy Abercrombie, Western Invasives Network

Jas. Adams, Public Member

Noel Bacheller, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department

Chris Benemann, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Rick Boatner, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

Nikki Brooks, US Customs and Border Protection

Sam Chan, Oregon State University & Oregon Sea Grant

Glenn Dolphin, Oregon State Marine Board

Josh Emerson, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

E. Chuck Fisk, F5 Wildlife Control

Senator Lew Frederick, Oregon State Legislature - District 22

Roy Marler, US Customs and Border Protection - Alternate OISC Member

Sean McMillen, USDA APHIS PPQ

Christine Moffitt, Friends of South Slough Reserve

Tim Newton, Malheur SWCD

Kathy Pendergrass, USDA NRCS

Jennifer Poirier, US Fish & Wildlife Service - Alternate OISC Member  
Dave Pranger, Morrow County  
Karen Ripley, USDA Forest Service  
Catherine de Rivera, Portland State University  
Eugene Wier, The Freshwater Trust  
Brendan White, US Fish & Wildlife Service  
Wyatt Williams, Oregon Department of Forestry

*Council Members Excused: Peter Kenagy (Kenagy Family Farm Inc, Oregon Farm Bureau, Willamette Mainstem Cooperative, Specialty Seed Growers of Western Oregon), Erin McConnell (Bureau of Land Management), Heidi McMaster (US Bureau of Reclamation), Cheryl Shippentower (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), Rep. David Brock Smith (Oregon House of Representatives - District 1), Alex Staunch (Mosaic Ecology), (Office of Governor Kate Brown)*

**Other Meeting Participants**

Tim Butler, Oregon Department of Agriculture  
Marie Hepner, Samara Group  
Jalene Littlejohn, Samara Group  
Rebecca McCoun, North Santiam Watershed Council  
Lindsey Wise, Institute for Natural Resources, Portland State University