



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Oregon Invasive Species Council seeks nominations for four council seats**

SALEM, OR... The Oregon Invasive Species Council is seeking nominations for 4 at-large member seats that become vacant at the end of December. Strong nominees will have expertise in one or more of the following areas: environmental law; marine and estuary ecology, including shellfish aquaculture; horticulture; weed control; small woodlands; parks and recreation; science education/K-12; pet industry; regional coordination; and seed or nursery industry. The council is particularly interested in nominees from Eastern and Central Oregon. Nominees should be willing and able to serve for two years. Council members are expected to attend three, 1.5-day meetings per year in various parts of the state, participate in conference calls, and contribute to other Council activities. There is a two-term limit. Council members are not paid, but are reimbursed for travel expenses when on Council business, including meetings.

Nominations and questions about the process should be directed to Robyn Draheim <draheim@pdx.edu>. Please include the individual's name, title, phone, fax, e-mail, and mailing address as well as a brief description of their qualifications (self nominations are acceptable). In addition, the Council requests a statement from the person being nominated that explains their interest and contributions they are willing to make to the Council. Letters of support for the nominee are helpful. The deadline for nominations is January 9, 2015. The council will welcome the new appointees at the February 2015 meeting in Portland.

The Council is comprised of 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 agency representatives. Council members are drawn from government agencies, universities, industries, organizations, and individuals with an interest and expertise in some aspect of invasive species management.



## ABOUT THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The Oregon Invasive Species Council is a group of representatives from state and public agencies, scientists, educators and members of the public who lead Oregon's fight against invasive plants and animals. The Council collaborates with a wide group of people to spearhead initiatives that increase citizen understanding and involvement in protecting the state against future and current harmful, invasive species. Council activities include: an online reporting system for people to report suspected sightings of invasive species, information and outreach programs, policy development, and statewide and regional coordination of invasive species management. The council was created by the Oregon legislature in 2001 and receives funding through a variety of state, federal, and private donations.