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The Oregon Invasive Species Council prepares for new programs and membership in 2020

Invasive species present a serious threat to Oregon's economy, ecosystems, working landscapes, infrastructure, and natural heritage. In 2001, the Oregon Legislature established the Oregon Invasive Species Council ("OISC") as a coordinating group of state and public agencies, tribes, scientists, land managers, industry leaders, educators, and members of the public who are leaders in the effort to protect Oregon from the devastating impacts of invasive species. During the 2019 Oregon Legislative Session, [Senate Bill 445](#) (sponsored by Senator Roblan) was passed in an effort to diversify member representation, enhance communication between local, state, and federal efforts and advance invasive species coordination efforts in the state. Membership changes will go into effect January 1, 2020. Separate from SB445, with support from the Oregon Governor and Legislature, a total of \$450,000 was appropriated to the OISC to achieve its mission, including the development of a new education & outreach grant program and providing rapid response funding for invasive pest eradication projects.

Important upcoming dates and events:

- November, 2019: Education & Outreach Grant open for applications (anticipated awards in spring 2020)
- November 20, 2019: 2020 membership nominations due

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THE OISC REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL SEATS

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) is seeking nominations for 8 member seats to serve a 2-year term January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021. Could you, or someone you know, be a good addition to the OISC? Send us a nomination by November 20, 2019.

The OISC recognizes that many state, federal, and tribal governments, as well as local government agencies, private industries and non-governmental organizations, play a role in managing invasive species. In order to successfully protect Oregon from the impacts of invasive species, the OISC promotes collaboration between a wide range of fields and expertise.

Strong nominees will have experience or expertise that relates to invasive species prevention or control and/or specialize in one of the following diverse areas of interest: natural resource industries; wildlife management or conservation; environmental or outdoor education; K-12 education; environmental law; marine, freshwater, estuarine systems; parks and recreation; domestic or international trade; travel and tourism.

The council is seeking to appoint members representing the following categories of interest in 2020:

- A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity with a headquarters or principal operations in Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, or Wheeler Counties
- A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity with a headquarters or principal operations in Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, or Tillamook Counties
- A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity with a headquarters or principal operations in Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake, or Malheur Counties
- A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity with a headquarters or principal operations in Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, or Polk Counties
- A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity with a headquarters or principal operations in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, or Yamhill Counties
- A member who represents a native American or Indian tribe or association of tribes within this state
- A member who represents an organization or association that advocates on behalf of private industry in this state
- A member of the Public

Council members' primary role is to support the advancement of [Oregon's Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species](#). Members benefit from 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, serve on at least one committee, participate in conference calls, and support communication with and/or convening of other interested groups to contribute to Council activities. Council members are not paid, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses associated with attending Council meetings. Membership is limited to two consecutive terms.

Nominations and questions about the process should be sent to coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org. The deadline to receive nominations is November 20, 2019. Complete nominations must include the following:

- Individual's name, title, phone, email, and mailing address
- A brief description of the nominee's qualifications (self nominations are acceptable)
- A statement from the nominee that explains their interest, relative experience, and contributions they are willing to make to the Council. Nominee must specify the member seat(s) of interest.
- Letters of support for the nominee are encouraged.

The council will notify appointees in December 2019 and welcome the new appointees at the first meeting of the Council in 2020, date to be determined.

ABOUT THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The [Oregon Invasive Species Council](#) is a coordinating group of state and public agencies, tribes, scientists, land managers, industry leaders, educators, and members of the public who lead the effort to protect Oregon from invasive species. The Council's mission is to protect Oregon's natural resources and economy by planning and leading a coordinated and comprehensive effort; which requires collaborative, cross-agency participation. As a result, [Oregon's Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species](#) was adopted in 2017 and 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.

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