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The Oregon Invasive Species Council seeks nominations for 2021 membership

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) is seeking nominations for 2 member seats, both of which currently have incumbent candidates who may seek an additional term, to serve a 2-year term January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022. Could you, or someone you know, be a good addition to the OISC? Send in a nomination by September 14, 2020.

Invasive species have the potential to devastate Oregon's infrastructure, economy, and natural resources that Oregonians hold dear. The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) acts as a catalyst for the collaborative effort to protect Oregon from invasive species across the network of its members, including state and public agencies, tribes, researchers, land managers, industry leaders, educators, and members of the public.

Strong council member nominees will have experience or expertise that relates to invasive species prevention or control and/or specialize in a related area of interest. The Council is seeking to appoint members representing the following categories of interest in 2020:

- 1. A member who represents an organization or association with the purpose of advocating environmental stewardship
- 2. A member who represents an entity, regardless of the form of the entity, with a headquarters or principal operations in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson or Josephine Counties and with a purpose of responding to invasive species concerns

Council members' primary role is to support the advancement of <u>Oregon's Statewide Strategic</u> <u>Plan for Invasive Species</u>. Members benefit from multi-agency communication and collaboration that the OISC provides through meetings, committees, events, and communication. Council members are expected to participate in 3-4 two-day meetings per year in person (when feasible) or by teleconference, serve on at least one committee, 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 (when feasible to travel post COVID-19 restrictions). Membership is limited to two consecutive two-year terms.

Nominations and questions about the process should be sent to <u>coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org</u>. The deadline to receive nominations is <u>September 14, 2020</u>. 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. Nominees must specify the member seat of interest.
- Letters of support for the nominee are highly encouraged.

The Council will notify appointees in October 2020 and welcome the new appointees at the first meeting of the Council in 2021, date to be determined.

ABOUT THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

The Oregon Invasive Species Council's mission is to protect Oregon's natural resources and economy through 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. Council membership includes representation from Oregon's natural resource agencies, tribes, higher education institutions, federal agencies, private industry, other non-governmental organizations, and the general public from six Oregon regions covering the entire state.

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