

## Agenda Item Summary

### BACKGROUND

The Fish Screening Task Force (FSTF) is a seven-person board appointed by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to advise department staff on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding and reporting. Three members represent agricultural interests, three represent fishing or fish conservation interests, and one member is appointed to represent the public (See Attachment 2). FSTF members serve a two-year term, with the possibility of serving three consecutive terms. There is currently one open position on the task force to represent agriculture.

Carol Brown served as an agriculture representative for three two-year terms and is not eligible for reappointment. The Commission is responsible for appointing task force members and will be appointing one member to fill the current vacancy.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public recruitment for this FSTF position was accomplished through a statewide news release, advertisement on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) website, direct mail to past candidates, email notification to applicable organizations, and direct contact by field staff.

### ISSUE 1

**APPOINT A NEW MEMBER TO FILL AN AGRICULTURE POSITION ON THE FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE.**

### ANALYSIS

Nine people contacted the department's Statewide Fish Screening Coordinator regarding the position, which resulted in four applications being submitted. Applications were reviewed based on their response to questions regarding their interest in the position, experience with agricultural interests, fish screening/water related experience, and experience with the department, or other public boards. After review of the applications by staff, references were contacted for all four applicants. Three applicants were interviewed by program staff.

The following individuals applied for the open agriculture position:

Karl Conklin, Bend  
Luca DeStefanis, Salem  
Roger O. Ediger, Mt. Vernon  
Gordon W. Summers, Halfway

This analysis produced Gordon W. Summers and Roger O. Ediger as the two strongest candidates.

Mr. Summers is experienced working with fish screens, including working with neighbors and ditch companies to encourage and assist with the installation of screens on other properties. He has district board experience with five different irrigation ditch companies and has served on his local watershed council and Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Mr. Ediger also is familiar with the fish screen program through its impact on his ranch. He has been involved with the Grant SWCD, Farm Bureau, and Planning Commission.

**OPTIONS**

1. Appoint a new member to the FSTF from the list of candidates.
2. Reject the list of candidates and re-solicit for new candidates.

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1. Staff recommends Gordon W. Summers due to his experience working with fish screens and working with other water users to promote fish screen installation.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to appoint Gordon Summers to the Fish Screening Task Force to represent agricultural interests.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Effective upon appointment.