

**FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE  
AGRICULTURE POSITION CANDIDATES**

**February 20, 2009**

**Karl Conklin**, Bend, Irrigation District Field Operations Manager

- Operates a small farm
- Maintains the Swalley Irrigation District fish screen
- Interacts with approximately 700 water users associated with the irrigation district

Endorsements: Jan Lee, Swalley Irrigation District

**Luca De Stefanis**, Salem, Marion County SWCD Natural Resource Planner

- Experienced working with SWCD, NRCS, and watershed council projects
- Thirteen years of professional natural resource experience related to water quality and healthy fish populations
- Works directly with agriculture producers to balance economics with ecology and education

Endorsements: Gary Whitney, OACD  
Les Bachelor, NRCS  
Ron Sacchi, Spring Lake Farms

**Roger Ediger**, Mt. Vernon, Retired Biology teacher, active rancher

- Owner/operator of family ranch
- Understands the importance of water for a healthy aquatic ecosystem
- Experience with Grant SWCD, Farm Bureau, and Planning Commission
- Operates fish screens on his ranch installed through the ODFW program

Endorsements: Ken Delano  
Jeff Neal, ODFW  
Matt Jones

**Gordon W. Summers**, Halfway, Retired Physician, Cattle Rancher

- Has helped construct and motivated other to install fish screens
- Past member Powder Basin Watershed Council
- Current Director, Eagle Valley SWCD
- Board experience with 5 irrigation ditch companies in Halfway vicinity

References: Tim Kerns, Baker County Commissioner  
Jan Kerns, Oregon State Board of Agriculture  
John P. Binford, Halfway resident  
Roy Elicker, ODFW Director  
Curt Melcher, ODFW Deputy Director  
Bernie Kepshire, past ODFW Statewide Screening Coordinator



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### Personal Information

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<b>Occupation:</b>	Natural Resource Planner		
<b>(If additional space is needed to answer any question, please use page 3. If you are using the electronic version, page 3 will expand for your answers and page break accordingly.)</b>			
<b><u>Statement of Interest:</u></b>			
I am sincerely interested in participating in ODFW Fish Screening Task Force in order to provide guidance to water users installing and maintaining fish screens. It is important to prevent fish from entering ditch, pump water diversions and other areas of impedance.			
I believe providing this integrated conciliatory role for ODFW's program will be invaluable to evaluating funding, monitoring, technology, reporting, project prioritization, research and development as these are the critical components, which require a discerning eye, to affirm a working solution.			
Ensuring a diversity of reference points is the fundamental formula in working towards a program that's forthcoming to the needs of fish and the surrounding human communities.			
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As a citizen of the United States, I will accept appointment to the Fish Screening Task Force if selected by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.			
<b>(Signature)</b>		<b>(Date)</b>	
Luca T. De Stefanis		October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2008	

**Describe your involvement in representing agricultural organizations or interest groups.**  
Please be specific. (For example: developing legislation or other rule making; working with organized groups; agency processes or leadership roles.)

**Current Membership: Committees, Councils and Boards:**

- Natural Resource Planner - Marion SWCD Provides programmatic leadership and technical assistance to local, state and federal clients on environmental improvement and conservation projects throughout Marion County; manages planning, design, contracting and implementation for 27 projects that total over \$500,000.

I work first hand with agricultural producers in ensuring a triple bottom line reflecting a balance of economics, ecology and education.

In addition I have experience in different capacities developing, reviewing and implementing strategies via a team of partners.

**Example(s)**

- OACD- Technical Planning Committee.
- OACD- Legislative Committee.
- Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Society.
- DEQ Mid-Willamette TMDL advisory committee.
- City of Salem Biological Review Team: Environmental project contractor analysis.
- Pringle Creek Watershed Council: Board of Directors active member/ Liaison/Outreach/Grant writer.
- Pringle Creek Sustainable Community: Grant writer/planner/educator.
- Salem Audubon Society: Grant writer.
- OWEB- Mid-Willamette Grant Review Team.

**Specialized skills:**

- NRCS Certified Planner.

**Describe your experience and interest in fish screening or other water related issues (i.e., sport or commercial fishing, agriculture, municipal water uses, etc.)**

I have worked professionally in the field of natural resources for 13 years. All of my professional work is currently related to water quality and healthy fish populations. My experience reflects diverse disciplines in the private sector and public sector, watershed councils and a series of other boards and committees. My diverse skill set and exposure in these themes can provide a fresh perspective with valuable knowledge, skills and abilities to the fish screening task force.

**Describe your experience working with public or private boards and commissions.**

*I have experience working with public and private boards and commissions in the following capacities:* OACD Technical Planning Committee; OACD Legislative Committee; Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Society; Bob Struab Environmental Learning Center Board of Directors, Mid-Willamette Watershed Alliance Steering Committee and Council, Pringle Creek Watershed Council Board of Directors, DEQ Mid-Willamette TMDL advisory committee; Pringle Creek Sustainable Community Developer: Grant writer/planner/educator; OWEB- Mid-Willamette Grant Review Team., Marion SWCD Small acreage Grant Program Coordinator.

**REFERENCES:** *Please list up to three references that we may contact.*

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>
<b>Gary Whitney</b>	<b>Executive Director Oregon Association of Conservation Districts</b>	<b>503-566-9157</b>
<b>Les Bachelor</b>	<b>Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist</b>	<b>503-399-5741 Ext.122</b>
<b>Ron Sacchi</b>	<b>Spring Lake Farms Farmer/Producer Client</b>	<b>503-881-6519</b>

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Occupation:	Work For Irrigation Dist., Field Operations Manager

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### Statement of Interest:

I have a small farm background and I also work for an irrigation district currently using a fishscreen. So, I believe I can lend help in a practical way from an ag. angle and an operations perspective.

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(Date)

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From a professional angle, I'm involved in maintenance & management of the Swalley ID fishscreens.

*Describe your experience working with public or private boards and commissions.*

**REFERENCES:** Please list up to three references that we may contact.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
JAN LEE GENERAL MGR.	SWALLEY IRRIGATION DIST 64672 COOK AVE, BEND, OR 97701	541-388-0658



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### Personal Information

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Legal Residence:	39370 Buchanan Loop Halfway, OR 97834		
Business Address:	SUMMERS RANCH - Above Address		
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Occupation:	CATTLE RANCHER - Retired Physician - Surgeon		

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### Statement of Interest:

I have always been interested in preservation of Fish and Wild life. I feel that such activity is compatible with good agricultural practices. I was involved with getting the first Fish Screening projects underway in Pine Valley (Halfway) more than 10 yrs. ago.

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*Gordon W. Summers*  
(Signature)

10-10-08  
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Past member - Powder Basin Watershed Council  
 Current Director - EAGLE VALLEY Soil & Water Conservation District  
 (PAST 10 yrs)  
 Current Member - Powder Basin Water Storage Appraisal Study  
 B.O.R.

Describe your experience and interest in fish screening or other water related issues (i.e., sport or commercial fishing, agriculture, municipal water uses, etc.)

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Past Member - Baker County Planning Commission  
 Past Member - Pine Eagle Health Planning Committee  
 Past Director - St. Elizabeth Hosp. Board - Baker City  
 Board of Directors - Providence Medical Foundation - Portland  
 Numerous County + State Medical Committees - over many years

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
TIM KERNS -	BAKER Co. Courthouse BAKER COUNTY Commissioner	541-856-3449
JAN KERNS -	Rep - ORE Dept of Agriculture	541-856-3449
JOTTAI P. BINFORD -	HALFWAY, OR	541-742-2015
ROY ELLSWORTH -	ODFW	
CURT MELCHER -	ODFW	947-6044

BERNIE KEPSHIRE - ODFW

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Retired from Medical-Surgical practice in Portland in 1996 — own irrigated property in both Pine and Eagle Valley — active cattle operation. 2000+ acres. My family has been in this area since the 1880's. In the 1970's I owned a wilderness guide-packing service in this area — so my interests in Fish/Wildlife have been lifelong

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Member - Senate Bill 1010 Committee ~ Clean Water Act  
President — NASH Ditch Co. (Richland)  
Posy Valley Ditch Co. (Halfway)  
Director — Foothill Ditch Co. — Pine Lakes Ditch + Reservoir Co.  
McMullen Ditch Co. (all in Halfway)

Describe your experience and interest in fish screening or other water related issues (i.e., sport or commercial fishing, agriculture, municipal water uses, etc.) (Continued from page 2 of form)

Have constructed and helped construct a number of Fish Screens — have motivated a number of local Ranchers to get involved in such projects —

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<b>Name:</b>	Roger O. Ediger		
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<b>Business Address:</b>	54229 Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon, OR 97865		
<b>Telephone:</b>	HOME 541-932- 4772	WORK 541-932- 4772	FAX Same
<b>Occupation:</b>	Rancher (Retired Biology Instructor – 30 years)		
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**Statement of Interest:**

As the owner, operator of our small family ranch, I know the value of water for all individuals involved in the crop and livestock aspects of agriculture.

As a biologist (30 years of Biology – Science teaching in grades 7 – 12) I know the importance of water for healthy aquatic ecosystems and that fish, all species, are a most significant component of our healthy aquatic ecosystems.

As the population of our state continues to grow so do all demands placed on our natural resources. All involved in agriculture know that water is, and will continue to be, our number one natural resource issue facing the state.

As increased demands are placed on our surface water resources the need for increased protection for our stocks of salmon, steelhead, and trout increases proportionally. As a water rights holder, and user of that water, I know and understand the need for adequate protection for our stocks of fishes while allowing for the positive use of adjudicated surface water. I feel strongly that the vast majority of our agricultural water users are good stewards of our natural resources and work with ODFW and other resource related agencies for the positive benefit of our fishery resources. However, I also know that there are well funded groups and organizations that are working towards the elimination of agricultural uses of our surface waters. It is from this perspective that I feel there is a need for a voice which will represent the needs and aspects of agriculture while also acknowledging the needs and value of the fish stocks present in our states waters.

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**Roger O. Ediger**

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**October 29, 2008**

(Date)

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**Associate Director (10+ years) of Grant Soil and Water Conservation District.**

**Grant County Farm Bureau (Treasurer) for 6 + years.**

**Member of Facilitator Team for Country Natural Beef. (A Co-op of some 120 Ranch families raising antibiotic/hormone free natural beef for Whole Foods and New Seasons market, Burgerville, and other markets in the Northwest)**

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My first experience with fish screens came while daily following my grandfather as he checked the river ditch and moved his flood irrigation water. I was perhaps 8 - 12 at the time during the mid nineteen fifties. ODFW (OGC at that time, I believe) had installed a screen in his ditch. Due to the difficulties in putting in his dam to divert water to his ditch for his hay crop he placed an extreme value on every "drop" of diverted water. The by-pass orifice caused too great a loss of "his" water so he would cut a sod and plug the pipe to reduce the loss of water. The ODFW screen man would remove the sod to allow the full flow to pass back to the river. This continued for some time until my grandfather fashioned a plug from a block of wood, wrapped the plug in cloth and drove it into the orifice. When the wood absorbed water it began to swell and sealed the bypass pipe completely. I do not recall how they rectified this "stand off" between the fishman and the Scottish immigrant farmer but I do know, reflecting back on the experience, it taught me the value of water, the importance of fish, and the need to communicate our differences and reach acceptable solutions for all stake holders as opposed to being confrontational.

Today we use a pump station with self cleaning screens to obtain our water from the John Day River. We use less water with greater efficiency and have eliminated the need for the screen station, the concrete frame of which is still in my ditch, as we no longer put a dam or diversion in the river.

With the John Day River being the last watershed in our state to contain a completely wild stock of Chinook I know and understand the need for all diverted waters to be screened for the protection of those fish.

Describe your experience working with public or private boards and commissions.

I have worked as an associate director of the Grant Soil and Water Conservation district. The majority of this experience has been that of meeting participation and input on issues of significance to the work of the GSWCD.

My role as Treasurer of the Grant County Farm Bureau has afforded me the opportunity to participate in a number of significant discussions on issues relating to agriculture in Grant County and Eastern Oregon.

I am a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for Eastern Oregon University. My capacity as a member of this board has been mostly involved with recruitment of new students (due to my teaching background) and review of various University projects which the Alumni Association might be involved in as well as raising funds for such projects.

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>PHONE NUMBER</b>
Mr. Ken Delano	Mt. Vernon, Oregon 97865	541-932-4626
Mr. Jeff A. Neal	27608 Sunset Road John Day, OR 97845	541-575-2840 ω 515-1167 x 226
Mr. Matt M. Jones	347 Holland Dr. Mt. Vernon, OR 97865	541-932-4934

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