

## Agenda Item Summary: Request for Appointment of Commercial Fishery Permit Board members

### BACKGROUND

The Commercial Fishery Permit Board (Board) was established within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) by the Legislature in 1979 under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 508.755. The Board consists of members appointed by the Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) as follows:

Two members to represent the public at large and three members to represent each of the following limited entry fisheries:

- Columbia River Gillnet Salmon Fishing Industry
- Ocean Troll Salmon Fishing Industry
- Ocean Pink Shrimp and Scallop Fishing Industry
- Yaquina Bay Roe-Herring Fishing Industry
- Sea Urchin Commercial Fishery
- Ocean Dungeness Crab Fishing Industry
- Black and Blue Rockfish and Nearshore Fishing Industries (added by the 2003 Legislature.)
- Sardine Fishing Industry (added by the Commission in 2007)
- Bay Clam Dive Fishing Industry (added by the Commission in 2007)
- Brine Shrimp Fishing Industry (added by the Commission in 2007).

The Commission adopted rules in 1996 (OAR 635-006-1200) further describing the Board and its members. Board members must be in good standing within the community; serve staggered three year terms; not serve more than two consecutive three year terms; and serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Members representing the commercial fisheries must hold a valid permit or license for the fishery they represent. When issues are pending before the Board, the Board is required to meet at least once every calendar quarter to review those issues. The Department provides an Administrative Hearings Officer through the Oregon Employment Department, Hearings Officer Panel to conduct contested case proceedings on behalf of the Department and to prepare proposed orders.

When an applicant is denied a permit or transfer of a permit by the Department, the Board reviews the contested case proceedings and proposed order(s). The Board may ask the Department to modify proposed order(s). If the modification is substantial, (i.e., when the effect of the modification is to change the outcome or the basis for the order), the Board must also provide a reason for the modification to the Department.

### PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Applicants for Board positions were solicited through a news release that was distributed in late December of 2013 and early June of 2014, letters that were sent and follow up phone calls that were made to active permit

holders. Resumes or interest forms describing career and public service history were requested from interested persons and are attached to this agenda item.

## ISSUE 1

### APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

#### ANALYSIS:

At Large Members representing the Public: (appoint two)

- Frank Weber, Corbett (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Eric Wedel, Toledo (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Nominees for the individual fisheries submitted by Fish Division Biologists in the Marine Resources Program, the Columbia River Salmon Program and responses to our news release:

Columbia River Gillnet Salmon Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Charles Yeager, Astoria (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Martin Rice, Astoria (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- William Hunsinger, Astoria (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ocean Troll Salmon Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Jared Reeves, North Bend (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Charles Yeager, Astoria (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Aaron Longton, Port Orford (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ocean Pink Shrimp/Scallop Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Eugene Law, Toledo (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Lloyd Whaley, Brookings (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- James Copenhaver, Warrington (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Yaquina Bay Roe-Herring Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Eugene Law, Toledo (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Jeff Boardman, Newport (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Stan Schones, Siletz (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ocean Dungeness Crab Fishing Industry (appoint 2)

- Jared Reeves, North Bend (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Joel Purkey, Port Orford (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Darus Peake, Garibaldi (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Black and Blue Rockfish and Nearshore Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Aaron Longton, Port Orford (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Brett Webb, Port Orford (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Linden Skoog, Gold Beach (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Joel Purkey, Port Orford (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Sardine Fishing Industry (appoint 3)

- Allen Smith, Ferndale WA (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Marc Jerkovich, Fox Island WA (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Eugene Law, Toledo (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Bay Clam Dive Fishery (appoint 3)

- Timothy Thomas, Garibaldi (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Brine Shrimp Fishery (appoint 3)

- Keith Kruez, Portland (2<sup>nd</sup> term)
- Richard MacDonald, Summer Lake (1<sup>st</sup> term)
- Tom MacDonald, Summer Lake (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Sea Urchin Fishery (appoint 3)

- Tom Butterbaugh, Grants Pass (1<sup>st</sup> term)

**OPTIONS**

1. Approve all nominations as recommended by staff in Option 1, with the exception of the Blue and Black Rockfish and Nearshore fishery and the Ocean Dungeness crab fishery. For these two fisheries there were more nominees than board positions available. The staff recommendation for the Blue and Black Rockfish and Nearshore fishery is to appoint Aaron Longton, Brett Webb and Linden Skoog. While all the nominees were qualified, this appointment would provide some geographical diversity for the fishery. The staff recommendation for the Ocean Dungeness Crab fishery is to appoint Joel Purkey and Darus Peake. While all the nominees were qualified, this recommendation is based on of their high level of involvement in the fishery.
2. Approve some of the nominations and appoint selected members.
3. Approve none of the nominations.

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to approve the nominations as presented by staff and appoint the recommended fishery members to the Commercial Fishery Permit Board.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**