

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 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department (department) staff on fish screening program development, implementation, monitoring, technology, funding, and reporting. Three members represent agriculture, three represent fishing or fish conservation, and one member represents the public-at-large. FSTF members serve a two-year term, with the possibility of serving three consecutive terms. There is currently one open position on the FSTF to represent fishing or fish conservation.

Dr. Doug Markle, a retired professor and fisheries scientist from Oregon State University, served as a fishing and fish conservation representative on the FSTF for two two-year terms. Dr. Markle's second term expired in January of 2018, and he elected to not serve a third term in order to pursue other interests. The Commission is responsible for appointing task force members and will be asked to appoint one member to fill the current vacancy.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public recruitment for these FSTF positions was accomplished through a statewide news release, FSTF member outreach, and through ODFW social media channels.

ISSUE 1

APPOINT MEMBER TO FILL ONE FISHING AND FISH CONSERVATION POSITION ON THE FISH SCREENING TASK FORCE

ANALYSIS

A total of four applications were received for the vacant fishing and fish conservation position over the course of two recruitment periods. The first recruitment period occurred in July of 2018, and garnered two applicants for the vacant position. Unfortunately one applicant withdrew their interest after further consideration. A second recruitment was held December 2018 through January 2019, and also garnered two applicants. Applications were reviewed based on responses to questions regarding interest in the position, fish screening or other water related experience, and experience with public and private boards or commissions. After review of the applications, staff conducted interviews with the remaining applicants.

The following individuals applied for the fishing and fish conservation position:

- Kristin Bishop, McMinnville
- Michael Sump, Tillamook
- Wesley Noone, Bend
- Brent Collier, Tillamook (withdrew application)

After interviews and review of applications, staff is recommending Kristin Bishop for appointment to the FSTF.

Kristin Bishop is a CT/MRI Supervisor at Willamette Valley Medical Center. Ms. Bishop is an avid angler and belongs to various fishing groups, was one of the founders of the women’s fishing club “Reel Women of Fishing NW,” and is a member of the Coastal Conservation Alliance. Ms. Bishop is also active on social media and acts as the “ODFW Community Fishing Ambassador,” a voluntary position that helps share various ODFW and fishing related content on social media platforms. Ms. Bishop has also volunteered with ODFW hatchery programs to assist with fin-clipping, processing excess fish for food banks, and “babysitting” smolts at acclimation facilities. Ms. Bishop currently resides in McMinnville, but she grew up on a family farm near Stayton. With her farming background, Ms. Bishop understands agriculture issues and water use, and helped install fish screens on her family’s farm long ago.

Ms. Bishop is a strong candidate, passionate and involved with fishing and fish conservation issues, and her positive attitude would make a great addition to the FSTF. Staff recommends the appointment of Kristin Bishop to the FSTF representing fishing and fish conservation due to her ability to represent fishing interests, specifically in Western Oregon, and her working knowledge of agriculture, irrigation, and fish screens.

OPTIONS

1. Appoint Kristin Bishop to represent fishing and fish conservation on the FSTF.
2. Reject the appointment of Kristin Bishop and re-solicit for new candidates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint Kristin Bishop to represent fishing and fish conservation on the FSTF.

DRAFT MOTION	I move to appoint Kristin Bishop to represent fishing and fish conservation on the FSTF.
EFFECTIVE DATE	March 15, 2019