

DIVISION 098
OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND

635-098-0000

Purpose

The purpose of the Conservation and Recreation Fund appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife is to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)

635-098-0010

Fund

The fund shall consist of:

(1) Moneys appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife for deposit in the fund or otherwise transferred to the fund; and

(2) Gifts, grants, contributions or other donations for use as described in 635-098-0020 (Expenditures) that are received by the department from any public or private source and caused to be deposited and credited to the fund.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)

Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)

635-098-0020

Expenditures

The activities for which the department may expend moneys from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund include, but are not limited to:

(1) Promoting the health of Oregon’s ecosystems and fish and wildlife species by implementing conservation programs and strategies identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy, as defined in ORS 541.890, including conservation programs and strategies for the nearshore identified in the marine component of the Oregon Conservation Strategy;

(2) Improving engagement of the public in hunting and fishing opportunities and in other outdoor recreation opportunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;

- 1 **(3) Improving educational outreach and engagement of the public, including diverse and**
2 **underserved communities, related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;**
3 **(4) Engaging in, and providing funding for, joint projects of the department and the State**
4 **Parks and Recreation Department or other state agencies as recommended by the Oregon**
5 **Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee; and**
6 **(5) Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement,**
7 **outdoor recreation or education activities.**

8 **Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)**

9 **Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)**

10
11 **635-098-0030**

12 **Purpose of Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee**

13 **The purpose of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee (the**
14 **“advisory committee”) is to advise the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission on how to**
15 **expend and obligate funding from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund to carry**
16 **out activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in**
17 **Oregon and prepare a biennial report to submit to the Legislative Assembly.**

18 **Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)**

19 **Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)**

20
21 **635-098-0040**

22 **Membership**

23 **(1) Advisory Committee Composition:**

24 **(a) The advisory committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor.**

25 **(b) Six members of the advisory committee shall live in or possess demonstrable expertise**
26 **related to each of the ecoregions described below, which are documented and described in**
27 **the Oregon Conservation Strategy:**

28 **(A) Nearshore Marine or Coast Range**

29 **(B) Willamette Valley**

30 **(C) Klamath Mountains**

31 **(D) West Cascades or East Cascades**

32 **(E) Columbia Plateau or Blue Mountains**

1 **(F) Northern Basin and Range**

2 **(c) Three members of the advisory committee shall be appointed from Oregon-at-large.**
3 **These three members shall have an interest in fish and wildlife conservation or outdoor**
4 **recreation, especially wildlife-associated recreation such as wildlife viewing, nature**
5 **photography, nature tourism, outdoor education, or community science.**

6 **(d) In making appointments of all nine advisory committee members, consideration should**
7 **be given to appointing members who possess experience engaging youth, underserved**
8 **communities and diverse audiences in conservation and recreation activities. Consideration**
9 **should also be given to members with interests in the economic, social, and educational**
10 **benefits of healthy ecosystems.**

11 **(e) Consideration should be given to ensuring that the advisory committee membership**
12 **reflects the demographic and geographic diversity of Oregon.**

13 **(f) One member of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission may be designated by the**
14 **Commission as a non-voting participant in the Advisory Committee.**

15 **(g) The Director of the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation may serve as a non-voting ex**
16 **officio member of the advisory committee.**

17 **(2) Officers:**

18 **(a) The officers of the advisory committee shall be a Chair and a Vice Chair.**

19 **(b) Officers shall be elected by the advisory committee.**

20 **(c) Officers may hold office for a period of two years from the date of appointment, and**
21 **may be re-elected.**

22 **(3) Compensation:**

23 **Members of the advisory committee may not receive compensation for service as members.**
24 **However, subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other expenses of state**
25 **officers a member may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses**
26 **incurred in the performance of official duties from moneys available to the department for**
27 **the purpose of reimbursement of advisory committee members.**

28 **Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)**

29 **Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)**

1 **635-098-0050**

2 **Meetings**

3 **(1) Time, Location, and Frequency:**

4 **At times and places fixed by the Chair of the advisory committee, the committee shall meet**
5 **at a minimum three times per year.**

6 **(2) Voting:**

7 **(a) Each of the nine voting members of the advisory committee shall be entitled to one vote**
8 **on all issues presented at meetings at which the member is present.**

9 **(b) Five members of the advisory committee constitute a quorum.**

10 **(c) Less than a quorum of the advisory committee or a subcommittee may receive**
11 **testimony.**

12 **(d) A recommendation to the department and commission requires an affirmative vote of**
13 **at least five committee members. Vote will be by roll call.**

14 **(e) In the absence of the chair and vice chair, the members may choose a temporary chair.**

15 **(f) Members of the advisory committee should not abstain from voting except on a matter**
16 **involving potential conflict of interest, in which case the reason for abstention will have**
17 **been disclosed.**

18 **Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)**

19 **Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)**

20
21 **635-098-0060**

22 **Advisory Committee Duties**

23 **In accordance with HB 2829 (2019), the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory**
24 **Committee:**

25 **(1) Shall review department policies regarding the use of Oregon Conservation and**
26 **Recreation Fund moneys.**

27 **(2) Shall make recommendations to the commission and the department regarding the use**
28 **of fund moneys. Pursuant to HB 2829 (2019), the advisory committee shall identify uses for**
29 **which the department may expend fund moneys.**

30 **(3) Shall work jointly with the department to submit a biennial report to the Legislative**
31 **Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding the expenditure of moneys deposited in**

1 the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and on the status of various activities
2 funded by the moneys.

3 (4) May perform such other duties as may be requested by the department and
4 commission.

5 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)

6 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)

7
8 635-098-0070

9 Advisory Committee Recommendation Procedures:

10 (1) The advisory committee shall establish a process for requesting proposals for
11 Conservation and Recreation Fund projects from the department and other interested
12 parties.

13 (2) The department and any other interested parties may recommend projects to the
14 advisory committee that follow permissible purposes outlined in [HB 2829 Section 1(2)(a-
15 e)].

16 (3) The advisory committee shall review all submitted projects and shall recommend
17 expenditures to the commission. The advisory committee will be responsible for
18 determining whether the projects propose activities that serve to protect, maintain, or
19 enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon.

20 (4) Interested parties must submit proposed projects to the advisory committee not less
21 than 60 days prior to a scheduled meeting.

22 (5) All proposed funding projects that are or are not recommended by the advisory
23 committee shall be presented in summary to the commission.

24 (6) A project for which recommendation for funding is not supported by the advisory
25 committee may be reconsidered by the committee at a later meeting if the proponent has
26 resolved the objections or deficiencies with a revised proposal. The reason(s) for the
27 advisory committee's vote to not recommend a project shall be explained or reviewed for
28 the proponent at the meeting, or relayed to the proponent in writing after the meeting and
29 be conveyed to the commission upon making recommendations.

30 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & HB 2829 (2019)

31 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, HB 2829 (2019)