

# **Exhibit D**

**No Public Correspondence received as of  
September 26, 2019**

**Roxann B Borisch**

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**Subject:** FW: Interest in OCRF Advisory Committee

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**From:** Karelia Ver Eecke <[karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org](mailto:karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 12:02 PM

**To:** Davia M Palmeri <[Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us)>

**Subject:** RE: Interest in OCRF Advisory Committee

Great, thank you Davia. I'll keep an eye on this and see where the development goes.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the teleconference on Thursday, as I will be in the field for Salmon Watch, but I look forward to hearing more on the process.

Thank you,  
Karelia

*Karelia Ver Eecke*

**Education & Outreach Coordinator**

Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District

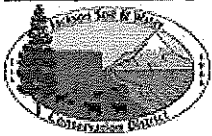
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**From:** Davia M Palmeri <[Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:05 AM

**To:** Karelia Ver Eecke <[karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org](mailto:karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org)>; [davia.m.palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:davia.m.palmeri@state.or.us); [anna.freitas@oacd.org](mailto:anna.freitas@oacd.org)

**Subject:** RE: Interest in OCRF Advisory Committee

Hi Karelia,

Thanks for the question! Attached is a short backgrounder on HB 2829 that created the advisory committee. The legislation directed the Fish and Wildlife Commission to determine the number and geographic representation of the committee members. The attached Notice of Proposed Rulemaking summarizes the proposed rules for the committee that the Commission will consider during the October 11 Commission Meeting in Ontario. They are and will be interested in suggestions for improving the proposed committee composition.

Once the Commission adopts rules for the advisory committee, the members will be appointed by the Governor. The anticipated timeline will be for the members to all be appointed by January 2020.

Davia

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**From:** Karelia Ver Eecke <[karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org](mailto:karelia.vereecke@jswcd.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 7:55 PM  
**To:** [davia.m.palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:davia.m.palmeri@state.or.us); [anna.freitas@oacd.org](mailto:anna.freitas@oacd.org)  
**Subject:** Interest in OCRF Advisory Committee

Hi Anna and Davia,

Could you please provide me with more information regarding the advisory committee?

Thanks very much,  
Karelia Ver Eecke  
Education & Outreach Coordinator, JSWCD  
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**Subject:** FW: Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

**From:** Suzanne Linford <[protectanimalmigration@gmail.com](mailto:protectanimalmigration@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 9:44 AM

**To:** Davia M Palmeri <[Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us)>

**Subject:** Re: Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

As the E. D. of Protect Animal migration, I would welcome the opportunity to give a brief summary of the projects we are doing here in central Oregon, and the expansion of our community outreach message to include habitat, winter range, migration, and the economic benefits, especially to rural communities. We continue to focus on corridors and crossings, but have learned that the public lacks an understanding of the basics relating to the above. This includes politicians. We stay neutral and brand ourselves as offering fact based science. The response has been unanimously positive. It's very gratifying work.

Thank you.

Suzanne Linford, Bend

On Tue, Sep 24, 2019 at 7:24 AM Davia M Palmeri <[Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us)> wrote:

Dear Colleagues-

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Additionally, ODFW is working with a group of dedicated partners to build the foundation for a fundraising campaign that will go live in mid-October. I look forward to working with many of you on this campaign soon!

Please contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc.

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**From:** Davia M Palmeri

**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 3:15 PM

**Subject:** Conservation Funding Opportunities!

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to share exciting news in our multi-year effort to diversify the way we fund conservation in Oregon! This includes creation of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund by the Oregon legislature and the introduction of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act in Congress. Information about both is below. I hope to talk with many of you about these excellent opportunities over the next few months!

Both of these opportunities could provide the resources needed to implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and respond proactively to the 21st century challenges facing Oregon's fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Examples of activities that could be supported include voluntary restoration projects that promote aquatic and terrestrial habitat connectivity throughout Oregon; state-wide community science programs to engage Oregonians in nature and improve our understanding of species' status in Oregon; and large scale removal of invasive species that affect Oregon's species of greatest conservation need. ODFW looks forward to working with you and your partners to chart the right path for these opportunities!

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  - The 2021 legislature could remove the sunset dates if the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and Advisory Committee demonstrate success in the first biennium

Next Steps:

- The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will adopt rules that establish the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. The Governor will appoint the members.
- ODFW is working quickly to establish a mechanism to accept small, online donations in to the Fund
- ODFW is working with many partners to develop a major fund raising campaign
- Stay tuned for details to follow!

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### How you can help

There are several easy things you can do:

1. Thank your member of congress for supporting the Recovering America's Wildlife Act via social media (#RecoverWildlife), phone, or email.
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3. Consider signing the National Wildlife Federation's 1000+ group letter of support (see attached)
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**From:** Davia M Palmeri  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 12:58 PM  
**To:** 'Charlie Plybon' <[cplybon@surfrider.org](mailto:cplybon@surfrider.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

Hi Charlie-

Thanks for your question. I think it is an important one! It will, in some ways, be determined by the choices that the Governor makes regarding individual Advisory Committee members and then up to how the committee decides to solicit and fund projects.

With that said, ODFW staff have been working to improve our initial proposal to bring a more nuanced recommendation to the Commission. We should have a more refined proposal shortly that we hope finds a better balance between conservation strategy implementation, recreation, education, and other interests that are relevant to the purposes of the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund.

Davia

**From:** Charlie Plybon <[cplybon@surfrider.org](mailto:cplybon@surfrider.org)>  
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**To:** Davia M Palmeri <[Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us](mailto:Davia.M.Palmeri@state.or.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

Hi Davia,

Likely a naive question, but I'm curious about how the advisory committee will marry the interest of recreational stakeholders with that of ecoregion biological expertise? As I understand, the advisory committee is to serve as a technical body to provide biological expertise for their ecoregion, which is great for the Conservation Strategy. However, with respect to fundraising and recreational stakeholder interests, I'm curious how the State is going to bring that interest and influence into the committee?

Cheers,

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5. Consider joining the [Alliance for America's Fish and Wildlife](https://www.fishwildlife.org/application/files/2215/1382/3049/AAFW_Membership_Sign-up.pdf):  
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