

Exhibit (C)

Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program Overview, STEP Advisory Committee Membership Reduction and Territory Realignment

**Supplemental
Public Correspondence received
as of November 10, 2020**

Lisa Kingsley

From: Steve Godin <stevegodin@rconnects.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:46 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: STAC Reductions

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Dear ODFW Commissioners,

The Oregon Coast Anglers would like to go on record opposing the proposed cuts in the STAC representative reduction. Many OCA members including myself are also STEP volunteers and assist hatcheries from Florence to Brookings. Reducing STAC representatives will only make it more difficult for STEP volunteers to communicate timely information regarding issues that they face. STAC meetings have been held virtually since the pandemic started and cost ODFW little or no money. There is no reason that the meetings could continue virtually, and therefore keep STAC meetings at minimum cost.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Godin
Oregon Coast Anglers, President

Lisa Kingsley

From: Steve Beyerlin <Steve@fishoregon.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:49 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: The STEP/STAC program

Concerning the STEP/STAC program membership reduction from 13 to 7 members to save ODFW \$\$\$. Excuse me but Oregon's sportsmen that deliver the majority of funding for ODFW have few avenues to follow and make hands on impact and actions in the field deserve a strong voice, a broad voice that is heard. Reducing The STEP/STAC program membership accomplishes what!

What is the outlay for The STEP/STAC program members for travel? \$4000.00 annually? Set a limit per member of say \$300.00 per year, or cut somewhere else like coffee and donuts at offices of ODFW, I always had to bring or buy my own. This would likely save twice the money.

ODFW will be screaming for \$\$\$ forever as the past has shown, including the recent paper tag mess. You not only are required to have a working ink pen in all weather conditions but a working pen that will write on plain note book paper in wet or freezing conditions or face a \$6,350 dollar fine and a Class A Misdemeanor ORS 498.002 for not attaching validated tag to big game. Ridiculous at best!

Steve Beyerlin
Oregon Strong LLC.
Gold Beach, Oregon
(541) 247-4138
50 years of Fish Conservation Efforts on the Rogue River
24 Years on boards or Task Forces for ODFW
Member Rogue River Spring Salmon Conservation Plan Task Force
Rogue – South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan
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Lisa Kingsley

From: Reese Bender <striperfisher1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 8:35 AM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: Leonard and Anna Krug; John Ward; Curt Bennett
Subject: Comments on Exhibit C STAC

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ODFW Commissioners and Staff:

I am commenting on the proposal to change the STEP Advisory Committee from 13 members to 7 members. I served on the STEP Advisory Committee for 3 years representing the Tenmile, Coos and Coquille basins and am very familiar with the process. I recommend rejecting the proposal. The STEP Advisory Committee should remain at 13 for the following reasons:

Much of the STEP activity in the State occurs in the South Coast of Oregon where two STAC areas are to be combined into much larger areas that will dilute the representation from these important areas.

The public is almost completely unaware of these proposals and should be allowed an extended period for comments before any changes are made.

The main reason stated for these changes are the expenses incurred by STAC members travel expenses. With COVID concerns most all meetings are now by Zoom or some other "virtual" method, which does not involve expenses for traveling by STAC members. When COVID concerns are no longer a problem ODFW could hold half of the meetings (like every other meeting) via Zoom and cut expenses in half. This would be a far more preferable alternative to the citizens of Oregon than the current proposal.

Please REJECT the motion to reduce the STEP Advisory Committee from 13 members to 7 members.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Reese Bender
(Former STEP Advisory Committee member)

Lisa Kingsley

From: Bob Main <rmain@co.coos.or.us>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 11:39 AM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: STAC potential reduction from 13 to 7 members

Dear ODF&W Commission Members,

I am not in favor of reducing the STAC members from 13 to 7 because of the cost of per diem for six members. This cost would appear to be extremely insignificant in relation to the ODF&W budget. I am also not in favor of reducing the STAC members because reducing the members would reduce fishing interests representation and reduce valuable knowledge that the 13 member contribute.

Thank you,

Bob Main

Robert "Bob" Main
Coos County Commissioner
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STAC Restructuring Proposal 11-4-20

The proposal for the elimination of STAC positions has a lot of negative consequences. On behalf of the Oregon Anglers Alliance and the ten STEP organizations that are an integral force of this group, we like to state for the record that;

1. STEP programs and agendas are unique to each area. Example; The Oregon South Coast Fishermen are comprised of about 200 members. We are heavily involved in monitoring and research. We utilize volunteers to monitor juvenile fish through much of the year with our Winchuck river screw trap, we sein the Chetco estuary regularly for salmon smolt counts, we perform annual fall chinook carcass surveys on the Chetco river.

We have responsibly run hatchery programs. We hatch, rear, acclimate and release winter steelhead and salmon smolt on the Chetco river. We sponsor the famous "Chetco Chrome Challenge" for angler caught broodstock which showcases our winter steelhead program by awarding prizes with radio and newspaper coverage. Plus, we have the annual "Chetco salmon round-up and rodeo". This is also highly publicized, and is quite the spectacle for much of the community to attend. We sponsor "Reel Fishing Daze", where every third grader in Curry county is required to attend a day of trophy trout fishing 101, and basic habitat education. There are many other activities, but they are too numerous to list in this time-frame. We have monthly meetings that are informative, as well as entertaining, we have a monthly featured guest speaker, and boast an attendance of 40 to 75 people per meeting. The STAC Rep. has traditionally been a big part of informing and educating the public.

2. If we were to depend on the Rogue STAC Representative to cover us I fear that we may be on our own. I myself have attempted to e-mail and call him from time to time, but in the last few years, he has so far refused to return a single e-mail or phone call. There is considerable doubt that we would be a part of his agenda. We are too different, we are too distant.

If we were to lose our South Coast representation, I believe that we'd lose much of the expertise, political knowledge, and public outreach of not only our unique hatchery programs, but of our native fish and the delicate balance between them.

3. The South Coast has provided some very strong STAC representation. Rich Heap, John Wilson, Dick Sutter, Jean Rissy and Ken Range to name just a few. And we have some very good qualified people that are ready to step into this role. I myself would be one of a handful of very strong candidates for the position. However, I believe that the STEP purpose needs to be a better defined.

The original intent of the STEP program was;

- a. to not only restore and enhance habitat and native fish stocks,
- b. but strive to provide maximum angler opportunity with a maximum sustainable harvest for both commercial and recreational anglers alike.

c. To utilize responsibly managed hatchery programs, volunteer participation, and public education and outreach in accomplishing these goals.

These are the goals that STAC/STEP members should have in common.

4. We request that you examine the reduction in travel expenditures related to STAC for this past year since going to online meetings. This could be a trend of the future.

5. ORS 496.460 establishes that "The committee shall be of such size and have such geographical representation **as the commission determines appropriate.**"

This decision is up to the Commission to decide, not up to STAC with a 4-4 vote. The 4-4 vote simply demonstrates a lack of unity, and a lack of agreement as to the purpose of STAC.

According to ORS 496.460, the Commission reserves the right to accept, deny, or to modify this proposal.

We respectfully request that you deny, or seek to find some compromise in this proposal that will benefit all parties.

Leonard Krug, Brookings
President, Oregon Anglers Alliance

Dave Kuehn, Brookings
President, Oregon South Coast Fishermen

Josh Bettsworth, Coos Bay
Vice President, South Coast Anglers

Cliff Lance, North Bend
STEP Commission

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [Kevin Herkamp](#); "[odfw.commission@state.or.us](#)"
Subject: Fwd: STEP/STAC COMMITTEE
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 5:49:56 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Dunn <jd95225@yahoo.com>
Date: November 9, 2020 at 5:45:42 PM PST
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: STEP/STAC COMMITTEE

Please deny the proposal to reduce our STAC committee, otherwise our area may be left without representation.

John Dunn

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Steve Janego](#)
To: ODFW.Commission@state.or.us; [Kevin Herkamp](#)
Subject: Support for Reduction of STAC members to 7 statewide
Date: Monday, November 9, 2020 6:38:34 PM

Hello Commissioners,

My name is Steve Janego and have been a STAC member representing Central/Eastern Oregon for 2016-2020. The last year of my term I served as chair for STAC.

I am submitting this letter of support for reduced membership of STAC to provide more nimble, responsive leadership for the STEP activities along with reducing costs in this challenging time. My support is grounded in the following logic:

- 1) A smaller STAC team can be more responsive to decisions needed by STEP through quicker agreements on direction and accelerated alignment with fewer diverse opinions.
- 2) Push dollars saved on administrative costs with fewer STAC members directly to STEP priorities to benefit fish management!
- 3) Empower STEP Biologists to make operational decisions with simple sign -offs at the STAC level rather than build more red tape in the process.

Thank you for your consideration. Please receive this input in the spirit it is given. Reducing STAC membership should not imply reduced STEP importance or focus. It simply increases responsiveness and effectiveness for STEP leadership y getting “lean and mean” in these challenging times.

Respectfully, best wishes, and stay well,

Steve Janego

Sisters, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [John Walgamuth](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE: Proposal to reduce. Please deny
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:49:00 AM

Sending your comment on to Commission email

-----Original Message-----

From: John Walgamuth <jwalgamuth@WalgamuthPainting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 6:18 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: Proposal to reduce. Please deny

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [N Rodgers; odfw.commission@state.or.us](#)
Subject: RE: STAC proposal
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:49:15 AM

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From: N Rodgers <neilrodgers1954@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 7:03 PM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: STAC proposal

I respectfully request that the commission deny the proposal to reduce our STAC committee otherwise our area may be left without representation.

Neil Rodgers,
Brookings Oregon

From: [Michelle Dennehy](mailto:Michelle.Dennehy@odfw.com)
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: FW: Comments for November 13th meeting
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:46:54 AM

From: Val Early <earlyfishing@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: Comments for November 13th meeting

We would respectfully request that the commission deny any proposal to reduce the STAC committees. We feel hatchery, habitat, research and monitoring as well as public education and outreach are critical during these difficult times. Representation throughout all of Oregon is extremely important so no area is left without proper information/representation.

Again, please DENY any proposal to reduce the STAC committees.

Sincerely,
Gary & Val Early
Early Fishing

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [C Cruickshank](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE: STAC staff reduction
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:47:59 AM

Sending your comment on to Commission

From: C Cruickshank. <chetcocliff@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: STAC staff reduction

It's important for all areas of jurisdiction regarding fisheries to have representation. For this reason, I stand with Oregon South Coast fishermen to be against cuts in staff committee members when it comes to the Oregon South Coast. If we don't have a say in how our fisheries are managed, I'm totally against the proposal.

Thanks,
Cliff Cruickshank,
OSCF Member for 33 years

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [pam coates](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE: stac committee
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:47:40 AM

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From: pam coates <pamfcoates@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: stac committee

hi,my name is Mark Coates. I have been a member of OSCF for a few years now. i would like to request you deny proposal to reduce our stac committee. thank you for your time.

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [Gary Chapman](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE:
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:48:14 AM

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From: Gary Chapman <resinman1950@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:14 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject:

Proposal to end STAC. I am against ending it.

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [Kristi Stanton](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE: STEP program
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:48:34 AM

Sending your comment on to Commission email

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristi Stanton <lucystanton@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:42 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: STEP program

We understand that there is a proposal to reduce the STAC committee. We hope that you will not do so, as this outreach program is crucial to the habitat enhancement, research and monitoring. Also the education programs already put in place are especially important to the youngsters in our community.
Thank you. BrianKristi Stanton

Sent from my iPad

From: [Michelle Dennehy](#)
To: [Lucie La Bonte](#); odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: RE: Do Not Reduce STAC Committee
Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 11:48:48 AM

Sending your comment on to Commission email

From: Lucie La Bonte <labontelu2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 7:42 AM
To: Michelle.N.Dennehy@state.or.us
Subject: Do Not Reduce STAC Committee

Dear Commissioners;

It is extremely important to the Oregon South Coast, in particular Curry County, that the Commission deny the proposal to reduce our STAC committee.

For decades Curry County has had a successful hatchery on the Rogue River. This is due to STEP volunteers. We also have successful programs manned by STEP volunteers on the Chetco River. If the STAC Committee is reduced Curry County will most likely lose representation. Being a small rural county that depends on fishing and tourism for our economy, we need this representation and a full committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Lucie La Bonte
Former Curry County Commissioner
Member of SouthCoast Fishermen
Member of Curry Anadromous Fishermen