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SUMMARY

This agenda item is for the Board to renew terms of several Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC) members. This is a decision item.

CONTEXT

The legislature directed the board to set up an adaptive management program. The program’s purpose is to help inform future rulemaking and support an application for a programmatic habitat conservation plan, and subsequent incidental take permit. The goal of the program is to use best available science to assess the rule effectiveness for protecting several fish and other aquatic species. The program requires the AMPC to direct the work. The AMPC’s main functions are to set the research agenda for the program and make recommendations to the Board based on research findings.

BACKGROUND

In February 2020, conservation and forest industry groups offered to revise the Forest Practices Act and administrative rules through a memorandum of understanding to include mediated discussions, known as the Private Forest Accord (PFA). The bill set the timeline and topics for making changes to the Forest Practices Act and rules from which the Board could apply for a programmatic habitat conservation plan (HCP). The accord concluded in late 2021. In March 2022, the legislature adopted the accord recommendations through Senate Bills 1501 and 1502, and House Bill 4055. Senate Bill 1501 incorporated by reference the Private Forest Accord Report dated February 2, 2022. The PFA Report further detailed the recommended changes to the Act and rules and a pathway for an HCP. A key part of the rules is the Adaptive Management Program.

ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 1501 names ten voting and three non-voting organizations on the AMPC. The department solicited names from these organizations to serve as committee members and were asked to consider diversity in the nominations. The Board approved the initial list of AMPC nominees at their November 16, 2022 meeting. Subsequently, the Coalition for Oregon Land Trusts (COLT), Oregon Wild, and the Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) named interim members to represent them on the AMPC. These interim members have continuously represented their respective organizations since the first AMPC meeting in January 2023. These organizations request that their interim members' terms be renewed as full members. Additionally, the Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) representative's first term expired on December 31, 2023. OSWA requests that their representative's term be renewed. Biographies of each AMPC member can be found [here](#).

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that the Board reappoint the following people to the AMPC as full members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Term expires December 31 of:</u>
Wendy Gerlach	COLT	2024
Casey Kulla	Oregon Wild	2025
Jason Robison	LCIS	2027
David Bugni	OSWA	2027

ATTACHMENT

None.