



How to Become a Member of the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

The Governor appoints the nine-members of the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee (Committee) who review ODFW policies regarding use of the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (Fund). The Committee makes recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) and ODFW regarding use of the Fund. The positions include six members representing the diverse ecoregions of Oregon and three members from Oregon-at-large with an interest in fish and wildlife conservation or outdoor recreation.

The Fund is a dedicated account for activities that protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. The Oregon Legislature created the Fund in response to recommendations from the [Joint Interim Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education](#) to pursue a dedicated source of funding that reduces the financial burden on hunters and anglers and creates a mechanism for all Oregonians to support fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

Committee Members' Responsibilities and Expectations:

- Expect to attend a minimum of three in person meetings a year beginning in early 2020 and continuing through at least June 30, 2021. Meetings may be in various locations around the state.
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing materials, considering project proposals, and considering potential recommendations to the Commission.
- Become familiar with the Oregon Conservation Strategy and the stakeholders of both the Fund and ODFW.
- Committee members will not be compensated for their time and participation. Travel related to Committee meetings will be a covered expense.

You might be interested in joining the Advisory Committee if you possess:

- Demonstrable scientific expertise related to one of the Oregon Conservation Strategy Ecoregions (<http://oregonconservationstrategy.com/ecoregions/>)
- Interest in fish and wildlife conservation
- Interest in outdoor recreation, especially wildlife-associated recreation such as wildlife viewing, nature photography, nature tourism, outdoor education, or community science
- Experience engaging youth, underserved communities, and diverse audiences in fish and wildlife conservation and recreation
- Interest in the economic, social, and educational benefits of healthy ecosystems

Applying for a position on the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

To submit yourself for consideration, review the materials on the [Governor's Boards and Commissions page](#). When you are prepared to apply, please send a completed [interest form](#), your resume, and a letter of interest to odfw.ocrf@state.or.us. Please note which position you are seeking. You may also submit your materials by mail to Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE, Salem, OR 97304. **The deadline for applications is Friday, December 13, 2019.**



Criteria for membership on the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted Administrative Rules governing the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee on October 11. The final rules are accessible in [OAR 635 Division 98](#). Rules governing membership appear in OAR 635-098-0040 and are copied below.

- The advisory committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Governor.
 - Six members of the advisory committee shall be appointed to represent one of each of the ecoregions described below, which are documented and described in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. To represent an ecoregion, the member shall live in and possess demonstrable scientific expertise related to the ecoregion (oregonconservationstrategy.com/ecoregions/)
 - Nearshore Marine or Coast Range
 - Willamette Valley
 - Klamath Mountains
 - West Cascades or East Cascades
 - Columbia Plateau or Blue Mountains
 - Northern Basin and Range
 - Three members of the advisory committee shall be appointed from Oregon-at-large. These three members shall have an interest in fish and wildlife conservation or outdoor recreation, especially wildlife-associated recreation such as wildlife viewing, nature photography, nature tourism, outdoor education, or community science.
- One member of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission may be designated by the Commission as a non-voting participant in the Advisory Committee.
- The Director of the Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation may serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the advisory committee.
- In making appointments of all nine advisory committee members, consideration should be given to appointing members who possess experience engaging youth, underserved communities and diverse audiences, such as communities of color, tribes, and low income communities, in conservation and recreation activities. Consideration should also be given to members with interests in the economic, social, and educational benefits of healthy ecosystems.
- Consideration should be given to ensuring that the advisory committee membership reflects the demographic and geographic diversity of Oregon.