



OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

SB 571 – Adds State Marine Director, or designated representative, and one appointed member to Invasive Species Council.

Senate Environment and Natural Resource Committee

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The Oregon Invasive Species Council would like to express its full support for Senate Bill 571, which adds the State Marine Director, or designated representative, and one appointed member, to the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

The Oregon Marine Board has had an appointed member seat for six consecutive years. The Oregon Marine Board has been integral in helping to protect Oregon from the introduction and movement of aquatic invasive species through implementation of the Aquatic Invasive Species Permit, and corresponding public outreach and coordination, with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon State Police, to staff boat inspection stations in Oregon.

Because of the threat aquatic invasive species pose to Oregon's water bodies and the key role the State Marine Board plays on a regular basis, interacting with other federal, state, nonprofit and industry representatives, the Council seeks to add the State Marine Board, creating an additional ex-officio seat (permanent) as well as an additional appointed member. The Council seeks the addition of the appointed member to maintain "balance" among the agencies and nonprofit/industry groups to ensure all perspectives are heard relative to the economic, environmental and social threats invasive species pose to Oregon and the quality of life of its citizens.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or the Council Coordinator, Lisa DeBruyckere. Our contact information is listed below. And on behalf of the Oregon Invasive Species Council, thank you for your continued efforts in working with our Council to protect Oregon.

Sincerely,

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