

# House Bill 2747

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## SUMMARY

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Revises requirements for membership on State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to requirements for membership on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; creating new  
3 provisions; and amending ORS 496.090.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.090 is amended to read:

6 496.090. (1) There is established a State Fish and Wildlife Commission that shall consist of  
7 *[seven]* **nine** members appointed by the Governor~~]~~ **as follows:**

8 **(a) One member must represent recreational anglers;**

9 **(b) One member must represent the commercial fishing industry;**

10 **(c) One member must represent hunting interests;**

11 **(d) One member must represent an environmental or conservation organization;**

12 **(e) One member must own or manage an active agricultural operation;**

13 **(f) One member must own or manage forest land that is used for logging;**

14 **(g) One member must reside in a county that is east of the summit of the Cascade  
15 Mountains;**

16 **(h) One member must reside in a county that is west of the summit of the Cascade  
17 Mountains; and**

18 **(i) One member must represent the Commission on Indian Services.**

19 (2) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the  
20 Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor.  
21 A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make  
22 an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

23 (3) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation  
24 by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III, Oregon Constitution.

25 *[(4) One member of the commission shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts of  
26 this state, one member from that portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains and one  
27 member from that portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains.]*

28 *[(5)]* **(4)** Members appointed to the commission *[shall]* **must** be residents of this state, as defined  
29 in ORS 497.002.

30 *[(6)]* **(5)** All members of the commission shall represent the public interest of the state and make  
31 decisions affecting the wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of those resources. Consistent

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 with the requirements of this subsection, the commission shall provide for the productive and  
2 sustainable utilization of wildlife resources for all groups of users.

3 [(7)] (6) All members of the commission shall have a general knowledge of fish and wildlife is-  
4 sues and an understanding of the operation and functions of public policy boards and commissions.  
5 [*In making appointments to the commission, the Governor shall consider appointing members who*  
6 *possess natural resource backgrounds such as backgrounds in commercial fishing, recreational fishing,*  
7 *hunting, agriculture, forestry and conservation.*]

8 [(8)] (7) Failure of a member to maintain compliance with the eligibility requirements of sub-  
9 sections [(4) and (5)] (1) and (4) of this section [*shall vacate*] **vacates the member's** membership.  
10 Members of the commission may otherwise be removed only by the Governor.

11 [(9)] (8) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in  
12 ORS 292.495.

13 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 496.090 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to ap-**  
14 **pointments to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission that the Governor makes on and after**  
15 **the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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