

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

DATE: May 20, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Russ Hoeflich of Portland

Term

June 5, 2024 – June 4, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 541.900 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 18 members, including:

- six public members, appointed by the Governor (BUCKMASTER, COATES, **HOEFLICH**, MCALISTER, MCCLARY, MCLEOD-SKINNER);
- a representative of the Environmental Quality Commission (KILE);
- a representative of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission (LABHART);
- a representative of the State Board of Forestry (AGPAOA);
- a representative of the State Board of Agriculture (BOYER);
- a representative of the Water Resources Commission (REEVES);
- the Oregon State University Extension Service director, or designee, nonvoting (BRANDT);
- a representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, nonvoting (ALLEN);
- a representative of the U.S. Forest Service, nonvoting (SHIVELY);
- a representative of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, nonvoting (CURTIS);
- a representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, nonvoting (HENDERSHOT);

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- a representative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, nonvoting (BROWN); and
- a representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the U.S. of Commerce, nonvoting (MURRAY).

The voting members must be knowledgeable about natural resource issues, represent all geographic regions of this state, and include at least one representative of a tribe. The voting members select a chair from among the voting members. At least eight voting members must be present to take action to award grant funds.

Duties⁴

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is a comprehensive program for the protection and recovery of species and for the restoration of watersheds. The board administers the Oregon Plan through grants funded by the Oregon Lottery, federal programs, and the salmon license plate. The board must:

- adopt rules and standards to carry out the watershed enhancement program;
- coordinate its activities with the Natural Resources Division of the State Department of Agriculture;
- facilitate the implementation and administration of the grant programs;
- maintain and administer specified accounts;
- report biennially to the Legislative Assembly on program implementation; and
- report biennially to the Governor and Legislative Assembly about the implementation and effectiveness of the Oregon Plan.

The board may:

- work cooperatively with any local watershed council that may be formed;
- establish advisory and technical committees; and
- accept moneys from public or private sources to secure watershed enhancement or to carry out the functions of the board, including administrative expenses.

⁴ [ORS 541.898 to 541.972 \(2023\)](#).



Watershed Enhancement Board, public members of the Oregon

Agency: **Water Resources Department, Oregon**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Authorization: **ORS 541.900**

Board Admin: **Nicole Bettinardi**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **11**

Address:

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

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Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

McClary, Lindsay

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/24/2026**

Public Member

Position Number: **1**

Ms Coates, Kelly C

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

Public Member (Tribal Representative)

Position Number: **2**

Mr Hoeflich, Russell "Russ" S

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028**

Public Member

Position Number: **3**

Ms McAlister, Liza Jane

Term(s): **11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025**

Public Member

11/17/2017 - 11/16/2021

Position Number: **4**

Mr Buckmaster, Bruce B

Term(s): **11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025**

Public Member

9/1/2019 - 11/16/2021

Position Number: **5**

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Ms McLeod-Skinner, Jamie E

Term(s): **5/15/2023 - 5/14/2027**

Public Member

5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023

Position Number: **6**

Ms Boyer, Barbara

Term(s): -

Board of Agriculture, by position

Position Number: **7**

Mr Labhart, Mark W

Term(s): -

Fish and Wildlife Commission, by position

Position Number: **9**

Dr McComb, Brenda C

Term(s): -

Board of Forestry, by position

Position Number: **10**

Ms Reeves, Marguerite "Meg"

Term(s): -

WRC Member

Position Number: **11**

Mr Webb, Mark R

Term(s): -

EQC Member

Position Number: **12**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
8	Mr Addington, Gregory "Greg" R	Statute/Bill	5/12/2022	
8	Dr Kile, Molly L	Other		
8	Ms Rider, Morgan N	Statute/Bill		