

# House Bill 3086

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## SUMMARY

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Clarifies process of Senate confirmation of members of State Fish and Wildlife Commission. Provides that commission must consist of one member from each of five regional river basin management areas in state, one member from west of Cascade Mountains and one member from east of Cascade Mountains.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; amending ORS 496.090.

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

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

5 496.090. (1) There is established a State Fish and Wildlife Commission that shall consist of seven  
6 members appointed by the Governor.

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

11 (3) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation  
12 by the Senate [*pursuant to section 4, Article III, Oregon Constitution*] **in the manner prescribed in**  
13 **ORS 171.562 and 171.565.**

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

17 **(4) The Governor shall appoint one member of the commission from each of the five re-**  
18 **gional river basin management areas set forth in ORS 536.022, one member from east of the**  
19 **Cascade Mountains and one member from west of the Cascade Mountains.**

20 (5) Members appointed to the commission shall be residents of this state, as defined in ORS  
21 497.002.

22 (6) All members of the commission shall represent the public interest of the state and make de-  
23 cisions affecting the wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of those resources. Consistent  
24 with the requirements of this subsection, the commission shall provide for the productive and  
25 sustainable utilization of wildlife resources for all groups of users.

26 (7) All members of the commission shall have a general knowledge of fish and wildlife issues and  
27 an understanding of the operation and functions of public policy boards and commissions. In making  
28 appointments to the commission, the Governor shall consider appointing members who possess na-  
29 tural resource backgrounds such as backgrounds in commercial fishing, recreational fishing, hunting,  
30 agriculture, forestry and conservation.

**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           (8) Failure of a member to maintain compliance with the eligibility requirements of subsections  
2 (4) and (5) of this section shall vacate membership. Members of the commission may otherwise be  
3 removed only by the Governor.

4           (9) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS  
5 292.495.

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