

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

DATE: October 31, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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STATE FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission subject to Senate confirmation..¹

New Appointments

Dave Moldal of Portland

Hugh Morrison of Portland

Terms

November 20, 2025 – November 19, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 496.090 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of seven Oregon residents from the regional river basin management areas, including:

- two representatives of the Upper Northwest Region (**MOLDAL, MORRISON**);
- one representative of the Southwest Region (HATFIELD HYDE);
- two representatives of the West Central Region (SPELBRINK, WAHL);
- one representative of the North Central Region (LABHART); and,
- one representative of the Eastern Region (HALL DEFREES).

Members serve four-year terms and must have knowledge of fish and wildlife issues and an understanding of the roles and relationships the federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon have with the lands, water, and the natural resources..⁴

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 496.090 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 496.090 \(2023\)](#).

The Governor designates one member as chair and the commission selects one member as vice chair. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The commission must meet at least once every two months and at least once per year in each congressional district.⁵

Duties⁶

The commission makes decisions affecting wildlife resources for the benefit of those resources, and it provides for its productive and sustainable utilization for all users. The commission must:

- appoint a State Fish and Wildlife Director;
- report biennially to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly on all adopted rules, policies, or procedures for implementing statutory policy and objectives;
- protect and enhance wildlife habitat and effectively manage wildlife;
- administer licenses, tags, permits, and enforce such regulations;
- conduct investigations of native wildlife species to determine threats, maintain and publish a list of threatened or endangered species, and develop guidelines to ensure the survival of those species;
- mitigate the adverse impact on local economies when the commission adds a species to the list of threatened or endangered species;
- appoint membership to, and receive and consider recommendations from, specified advisory councils and boards;
- maintain specified funds in the State Treasury;
- conduct a salmon and trout enhancement program;
- adopt rules for the natural production of anadromous fish runs in specified basins;
- establish cooperative wildlife and fish restoration projects as required by law; and
- implement policies and programs for food fish management and administer commercial fishing laws.

⁵ [ORS 496.108 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ ORS chapters [496](#), [497](#), [498](#), [501](#), [506](#), [507](#), [508](#), [509](#), [513](#) (2023).



Fish and Wildlife Commission, State

Agency: **Fish & Wildlife, Department Of**

Authorization: **ORS 496.090**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Michelle Tate**

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Current Appointments

King, Leslie

Northwest Region (prev. CD 3)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025

Morrison, Hugh

Upper NW Region River Basin Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

11/20/2025 - 11/19/2029

Moldal, Dave

Upper NW Region River Basin Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

11/20/2025 - 11/19/2029

Hatfield Hyde, Becky W

Southwest Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Wahl, Mary G

West Central Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

5/15/2023 - 5/14/2027

5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023

Mr Spelbrink, Robert "Bob" P

West Central Region

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

6/1/2024 - 5/31/2028

6/1/2020 - 5/31/2024

5/15/2019 - 5/31/2020

Mr Labhart, Mark W	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027
North Central Region		7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 6		

Hall DeFrees, Dallas	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028
Eastern Region		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 7		

Vacant Positions