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LCDC Picks Nan Evans To Be Interim Director at Department of Land Conservation and Development

SALEM - The Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) voted unanimously Friday to appoint the agency's Ocean and Coastal Manager Nan Evans as Interim Director. Outgoing director Paul Curcio's last day was also Friday.

"Nan Evans has strong budgeting credentials and is very familiar with the legislative process," said LCDC Chair Randy Franke, "We've finished a long-term strategic plan, so Nan can focus on the immediate tasks ahead." The commission is expected to begin recruitment for a permanent director at the close of the 2003 legislative session.

After the special meeting, Ms. Evans said she was honored that the commission has appointed her as interim director.

"The Governor has launched a team effort to simplify government regulations and to make more land available for industry," Ms Evans said. "I look forward to sitting down with legislators, local officials and staff to make sure that the statewide planning system strongly supports economic activity and enhances our quality of life."

"We will help to regain accountability and credibility in state government," she added.

Oregon's seven-member Land Conservation and Development Commission, assisted by the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), adopts state land use goals, assures local plan compliance with the goals, coordinates state and local planning, and manages the ocean and coastal zone program.

[Biography for Ocean & Coastal Manager Nan Evans, Dept. of Land Conservation & Development](#)

Ms. Evans has led the Ocean and Coastal Management Program at DLCD for the past three years. The federally approved program integrates state laws on managing coastal lands and waters and it coordinates decisions about how the resources of the coast will be conserved and developed. It also assures that actions and permits by federal agencies meet state and local requirements.

The program includes grants and planning guidance to local governments, new coastal management tools, education and public outreach, natural resource restoration and environmental monitoring.

She is not a newcomer to DLCD, however. In 1988, Ms. Evans staffed a Governor's task force of agency directors, citizens and industry representatives in developing a new state program for ocean resources management, the Oregon Ocean Plan.

From 1993 to 2000, Ms. Evans led the Policy and Planning Division at the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Evans managed land-use and master planning, ocean shores and scenic waterways management, and statewide outdoor recreation planning. She also served as special assistant to the Director for natural resource management, legislative and funding issues.

Prior to her work at OPRD, Ms. Evans served as a senior budget analyst for the Oregon Executive Department, a senior policy analyst for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and an environmental specialist for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Ms. Evans has a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Washington in Seattle, graduate studies at the Hopkins Marine Station at Stanford University, and a Master of Arts in Biology from the Bowling Green State University in Columbus, Ohio.

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