

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to recommend the appointment of one new candidate to a position on the Regional Forest Practice Committees and the reappointment of eight existing members on the Committees.

CONTEXT

ORS 527.650 requires the Board to establish a forest practice committee for each forest region. Each such committee shall consist of nine members, a majority of whom must reside in the region. Members of each committee shall be qualified by education or experience in natural resource management and not less than two-thirds of the members of each committee shall be private landowners, private timber owners or authorized representatives of such landowners or timber owners who regularly engage in operations.

ORS 527.660 states, “[E]ach forest practice committee shall review proposed forest practice rules in order to assist the Board in developing rules appropriate to the forest conditions within its region.” Regional committees have provided a forum for the public; at each meeting, members of the public may participate and offer information and suggestions. The Private Forests Deputy Chief serves as the secretary for all three committees.

BACKGROUND

The last reappointments to the regional committees occurred in September 2014 and November 2014. Historically, the regional committees have been set up with staggered terms so that only one-third of committee members come up for reappointment in a given year. This approach ensures continuity of committee work over time. The Department contacted recent committee members whose terms expire in 2015, regarding their interest in reappointment. Attachment 1 shows current members, their term expiration dates, and proposed appointment and reappointments. The recommended expiration column shows the term expiration date set to maintain the historic staggered term approach.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that the Board make the following new appointment:

Southwest Regional Committee:

Jay Christensen term expiring September 2018

The department recommends that the Board make the following reappointments:

Northwest Regional Committee:

Scott Gray term expiring September 2018

Jim Hunt term expiring September 2018

Jon Stewart* term expiring September 2018

Southwest Regional Committee:

Dale Cuyler term expiring September 2018

Brian Schlaefli term expiring September 2018

Eastern Regional Committee:

Irene K. Jerome * term expiring September 2018

Bob Messinger * term expiring September 2018

Elwayne Henderson term expiring September 2018

*Public Member

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Current and Proposed Regional Forest Practice Committee Membership.
- (2) Biographical Information for New Nominee to Southwest Oregon Regional Forest Practice Committee.