

Public Lands Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: July 23, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Virtual By Microsoft Teams

Committee Members Present: John Brown, Chair
Brady Ricks, EAM Real Estate Services Manager
Tracy Wilder, DOC Facilities Administrator
Joel Madsen, Land Use Planner
Mark Meek, State Senator

Committee Members Absent: Thuy Tran, State Representative

Staff: Robert Underwood, DAS

Presenters: Dick Duncan, ODFW

Committee Administration
Chair John Brown called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
Call for public comment – none.
Approval of minutes from April 2026 meeting – approved.
Property Acquisitions & Dispositions
1. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife / Coquille – Acquisition Presented by Dick Duncan, ODFW Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife presented the planned acquisition of 528 acres in the Coquille area, Coos County. The property was acquired in 2022 by the Bridges Foundation with funding from the Nature Conservancy and a loan and has been held with the purpose of selling to a conservation agency. ODFW has obtained a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to cover the difference between the Nature Conservancy grant, which will remain, and the agreed transaction price, which includes holding costs incurred by the Bridges Foundation. The land will add to the existing 696 acre Coquille Valley Wildlife Area, expanding protections for tidally influenced wetlands, riparian lands and aquatic habitats for the benefit of fish and wildlife. The holding will provide recreational and educational opportunities and promote tribal access to traditional food and resources while protecting the area from development. Sale agreement is in place, purchase price is appraised value. The property is subject to some access easements for roads and powerlines, and mineral rights were reserved by the previous owner at the time of the Bridges Foundation transaction. ODFW was unable to agree a purchase price for the mineral rights but believes other property restrictions will prevent the economical development of these rights. NOAA also believe there is little risk that the mineral rights will impact

the wildlife values of the property and have agreed to the mineral rights reservation remaining with the former owners.

Discussion included:

- Chair Brown has helped ODFW with the valuation and approach to mineral rights.
- Confirmation that Nature Conservancy funding will remain in the transaction and they are also ok with the mineral rights.
- Potential litigation from mineral rights owner delaying transaction and DOJ advice that their rights are not impacted by this sale.
- Difficulty of extraction of minerals.

PLAC recommendation: Report accepted with a recommendation this transaction move forward as presented.

General Discussion

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None.

Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.