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SUMMARY

This agenda item is for the Board to appoint a new member to the Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC) and renew the terms of two additional AMPC members. This is a decision item.

CONTEXT

The purpose of the Adaptive Management Program is to help inform future Forest Practice Act rulemaking and support an application for a programmatic habitat conservation plan, and subsequent incidental take permit. The goal of the program is to use best available science to assess rule effectiveness for protecting several fish and other aquatic species. The program requires the AMPC to direct work, set the research agenda for the program, and make recommendations to the Board based on research findings.

BACKGROUND

Following mediated discussions between conservation and forest industry groups (i.e., Private Forest Accord), the legislature adopted the accord recommendations through Senate Bills 1501 and 1502, and House Bill 4055. Senate Bill 1501 incorporated by reference the Private Forest Accord Report dated February 2, 2022. The PFA Report further detailed the recommended changes to the Forest Practices Act and rules which later established the Adaptive Management Program.

ANALYSIS

Senate Bill 1501 names ten voting and three non-voting organizations on the AMPC. The department solicited names from these organizations to serve as committee members and were asked to consider diversity in the nominations. The Board approved the initial list of AMPC nominees at their November 16, 2022, meeting. Representatives for the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), Oregon Wild, and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) terms expire on December 31, 2025. AOC and DEQ request that their respective representatives' terms be renewed. Biographies of each AMPC member can be found [here](#). Oregon Wild conversed with their fellow organizations named in ORS 527.732(3)(d), and they collectively agreed to transfer their representative to Trout Unlimited (TU). TU nominates Dr. Haley Ohms and Pablo San Emeterio, with the former being their first choice.

RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that:

1. The Board reappoint the following people to the AMPC:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Term expires December 31 of:</u>
Will Tucker	AOC	2029
Josh Seeds	DEQ	2029

2. The Board appoint Dr. Haley Ohms of Trout Unlimited to a four-year term that expires December 31, 2029.

ATTACHMENT

1. Biographies for Dr. Haley Ohms and Pablo San Emeterio.

Biographies of Trout Unlimited nominees to the Adaptive Management Program Committee

Trout Unlimited first choice: Dr. Haley Ohms

Dr. Haley Ohms brings more than 20 years of experience in salmonid ecology and conservation. She earned her M.S. in Fisheries Science (2012) and Ph.D. in Integrative Biology with a minor in Statistics (2017) from Oregon State University, where she studied how habitat variation supports population diversity. Dr. Ohms has led research at NOAA's Southwest Fisheries Science Center and UC Santa Cruz, focusing on steelhead movements, habitat use, and population responses to water withdrawals. At Trout Unlimited, she applies her expertise in data analysis, population modeling, and field-based research to advance science-driven conservation. She has also served on advisory committees for the Columbia Basin Partnership and the Nuyakuk Hydropower permitting process, providing scientific guidance on aquatic resource management.



Trout Unlimited second choice: Pablo San Emeterio

Pablo San Emeterio joined the Oregon Wild team in August 2025 as Oregon Wild's Western Oregon Field Attorney. He attended Lewis and Clark Law School where he received a certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law upon graduating in 2022. After law school, Pablo



worked in the immigration field and for a local government agency where he gained experience in environmental, property, public contracting, and administrative law. Now at Oregon Wild, Pablo will focus his work on issues affecting Oregon's forests at both the state and federal level.