

STAFF REPORT

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SUMMARY

This agenda item includes an update on appointments and reappointments for members of the Committee for Forestlands (CFF). Bonnie Shumaker, the northwest landowner representative is ending her 3 year term and has chosen not to continue on the committee. The committee has received a nomination from Barrett Brown who is eager to become the northwest landowner representative. There is currently one vacant position (citizen at large). The committee has also elected to nominate Kaola Swanson to be vice chair. Gilbert Shibley, representing the landowner at large category will also be leaving the committee. This change has come in the last few weeks and the committee will be looking for a replacement member in the Fall of 2019.

CONTEXT

The CFF, a standing committee of the Oregon Board of Forestry (Board), provides advice to the Board and the State Forester on methods to help improve the vitality of family forestlands, including improving owners' ability to manage and market their timber and other forest products. The CFF continues to evaluate the impact of policy and regulatory changes on family forestland owners.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

CFF members serve three-year appointments that generally run from July through June (Attachment 1). There are seven voting members, including four family forestland owners, one forest industry representative, one conservation community representative, and one citizen-at-large. The CFF currently has six ex-officio members representing Oregon State University College of Forestry, the State Forester, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, public land managers, logging/forestry consulting interests and small forestland owner groups.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends the appointment of Barrett Brown (Attachment 2) as the northwest landowner representative. The Department also recommends appointing Kaola Swanson as vice-chair of the CFF.

ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Proposed CFF Voting Members Appointment Schedule
- (2) CFF New Member Nomination Biography