

Charitable Checkoff – Supplemental Meeting February 9, 2024

Present: Chair Sharon Schuman (voting member), Vice Chair Arnold Wuhrman (voting member), Commissioner Jody Wiser (voting member), Commissioner Eric Kang (voting member), Senator Janeen Sollman (non-voting member), Representative Nancy Nathanson (non-voting member), Department of Revenue Advisor Olivia Hallyburton (non-voting member), Bernadette Graham-Hudson (representative from Oregon Nongame Wildlife).

Chair Schuman opened the meeting at 11:10 AM. Chair Schuman requested for the commissioners to introduce themselves. The representative from Oregon Nongame Wildlife, Bernadette Graham-Hudson also introduced herself. Bernadette presented the financial report and request for recertification from Oregon Nongame Wildlife. The updated version of the report included a new section with a budget detailing expected funds to be received and potential projects where funding would be delegated. Commissioners Arnold Wuhrman asked a follow up question regarding the report: was Idaho able to eradicate the invasive mussels? Bernadette stated that they think so but only time will tell. Commissioners Eric Kang ask if Idaho is the furthest western state where these mussels have been detected? Senator Janeen Sollman stated that Montana has spent a large amount of money on attempting to eradicate these mussels. Bernadette explained that they do intercept boats that have these invasive mussel species present, mostly from Lake Mead. Chair Sharon Schuman stated that whoever wrote the report for Oregon Nongame Wildlife did a great job in making it clear and succinct. She did point out that the term “herptile” was very scientific and it may be better to say “amphibians and reptiles” so that the layperson can understand. She stated that part of what the commission does is to make the work that the charities do comprehensible. No further discussion. Question called to recertify. Ayes – 4, Nays – 0. Oregon Nongame Wildlife is approved for recertification. Chair Shuman adjourned the meeting at 11:27 AM.