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#### **SUMMARY**

This agenda item is for the Board to renew the terms of several Adaptive Management Program Committee (AMPC) members. This is a decision item.

#### **CONTEXT**

The legislature directed the Board to set up an adaptive management program. The program's purpose is to help inform future 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 the rule effectiveness for protecting several fish and other aquatic species. The program requires the AMPC to direct the work. The AMPC's main functions are to 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 Act and rules and a pathway for an HCP. A key part of the rules is 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 Coalition for Oregon Land Trusts (COLT) and the Associated Oregon Loggers (AOL) terms expire on December 31, 2024. COLT and AOL request that their respective representatives' terms be renewed. Biographies of each AMPC member can be found here.

# RECOMMENDATION

The department recommends that the Board reappoint the following people to the AMPC:

<u>Member</u>	Organization	Term expires December 31 of:
Wendy Gerlach	COLT	2028
Amanda Sullivan-Astor	AOL	2028

# **ATTACHMENT**

None.