

# Oregon Global Warming Commission Meeting

October 9, 2023



# Commissioner Updates

# Meeting Overview

Agenda Item	
Commissioner Updates	12:00-12:15
Commission Membership Openings	12:15-12:25
Draft Work Plan Update	12:25-12:45
OCCRI's Sixth Climate Assessment	12:45-1:20
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Oregon PUC – Utility Planning for Climate Policy	2:05-2:35
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# Commission Membership Openings

# *Existing OGWC Membership Seats*

- **11 voting members**
  - **6 specified seats:** representing agriculture, forestry, energy, transportation, manufacturing, and environmental interests
  - **5 At-Large members**
- **14 non-voting members**
  - **4 Legislators:** 1 Republican and 1 Democrat from each chamber appointed by the Speaker of the House and Senate President respectively
  - **7 specified Agency Directors:** ODOE, ODOT, PUC, DEQ, ODA, ODF, and OWRD
  - **3 others from agencies or academia** (currently DLCD, OHA, and PSU)

HB 3409 (2023) expands Commission membership from 25 members to 35 members

# Voting Member Changes/Opening

## New Seats (Jan 1, 2024)

- Environmental Justice
- Youth *(age 16-24 when appointed and 2-year term)*
- Fishing Industry

## Existing Open Seats

- Manufacturing
- 1 At-Large

“Members of the commission appointed under this section shall be appointed so as to be representative of the social, environmental, cultural and economic diversity of the state and to be representative of the policy, science, education and implementation elements of the efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to prepare Oregon for the effects of global warming.” – ORS 468A.215

Information on how to apply: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/Pages/board-list.aspx>

**Applications encouraged for new and existing open seats by October 30**

# Non-Voting Member Changes/Opening

## New Seats (Jan 1, 2024)

- Department of Land Conservation and Development\*
- Business Development Department
- Department of Administrative Services
- Department of Consumer and Business Services
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Housing and Community Services
- Oregon Health Authority\*
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## Open Seats (Jan 1, 2024)

- 2 At-Large (from a state agency or an academic institution)
  - These replace the 2 At-Large positions currently occupied by DLCD and OHA as those agencies will now have their own specified seats.

\*Currently on the Commission as an At-Large non-voting member

# Draft Work Plan Update



# Update Overview

1. Caveats (reiterated)
2. Key status updates
3. Summary and discussion of public comments received (brief initial staff response **in green**)

# Caveats (reiterated)

- **A draft for comment...**
  - Public and agency comments *were* welcomed through **September 15** (*extended from September 1*)
- **Key resource considerations/variables**
  - **OCAC staffing**
    - Existing staff capacity
    - Timing of new hires
  - **Commission membership expansion and workload management**
  - **Agency resources**
  - **Consultants and associated contracting**

# Key Status Updates

- **Working on position descriptions**

- Internal realignment to create a new climate section at the agency with the positions
- OCAC general operations and policy analyst position will be the team lead for the new section and planning to hire for that position first

- **Re-evaluating RFP-related timelines**

- RFP-related items in Draft Work Plan may be too optimistic based on current contracting timelines/demands and staffing

- **Natural and working lands work**

- Engaging relevant agencies to help inform next steps
- INR report received – discuss at next OGWC meeting
  - Commission subcommittee created to review and help inform next steps
- Planning to prioritize NWL Advisory Committee and Inventory workstreams in the near-term
- May need to request legislative deadline changes

# Summary of Public Comments Received

- **4 written comments**

- 2 focused on details of the Natural and Working Lands work (one comment was from multiple organizations)

- Main categories of comments:

- Process-focused

- Technical

- 2 focused on additional areas of work

- Carbon sequestration more generally

# Public Comment: *Process-Focused*

- **Appreciate the public comment opportunities already specified in the Draft Work Plan**
  - A specific public comment period on the Biennial Fund Report per statute was not specifically noted in the Draft Work Plan, but also intended
- **NWL Advisory Committee**
  - Solicit broad input on perspectives that should be represented, beyond those required in statute; Request public comment on any additional areas of expertise or interests to be represented on NWL AC prior to call for nominations and applicants
    - The Commission is required to seek recommendations for committee members from industry and advocacy associations where appropriate. Discuss at next OGWC meeting.
  - Establish a nomination and application process
    - No further discussion of this was provided in the comment so unclear on distinction sought
  - If multiple members of the NWL AC are not from the scientific community, recommend that members of the scientific community have opportunity to review draft activity-based metrics and draft inventory and have open lines of communication with NWL AC
    - Discuss scientific community representation on NWL AC and/or scientific community review of work products
  - Ensure tribal outreach and engagement is treated as an independent component/add as a separate item under the NWL work plan
    - Intend to treat the statutorily required Tribal engagement as an independent component

# Public Comment: *Process-Focused*

- **NWL Baseline, Metrics, and Sequestration Goals**

- Tight timeline for consultant to develop the metrics (March-May 2024) so will need to get started on discussing the metrics ASAP
  - Discuss INR work on metrics at the next OGWC meeting and further assess needs/timeline from there
- Request a review by the scientific community of draft activity-based metrics before adoption and NWL Advisory Committee members should have opportunity to engage with them.
  - To be discussed as the workstream is developed. See scientific community comment under NWL AC as well.
- Much work remains to reconcile input provided by the technical and stakeholder groups in INR process
  - INR report will be discussed at next OGWC meeting and needs/next steps will be assessed
- Provide public comment opportunities on the metrics identified in the INR process
  - INR report will be discussed at next OGWC meeting and opportunities for public comment will be provided

# Public Comment: *Process-Focused*

- **NWL Baseline, Metrics, and Sequestration Goals (Continued)**

- Use the Commission's already identified non-binding sequestration goals, rather than spending time on a process to propose new goals. There is no need to duplicate past efforts.
  - The Commission's already identified sequestration goals will help inform the goal conversation. But, per HB 3409, the Commission has until January 1, 2025, to establish the goals, and must do so in consultation with multiple agencies. In addition, in that time, multiple products that can help further inform the goals will be produced – baseline, metrics, inventory, and workforce study – and ideally would be considered in establishing the goals.
- Provide a clear timeline for public comment on the goals in the work plan
  - A more specific timeline for public comment will be provided as this workstream is developed

- **NWL Inventory**

- Prioritize inventory and baseline because without establishing this inventory and baseline, we will not be able to measure meaningful progress towards meeting our sequestration and climate goals.
  - Planning to prioritize inventory. It is also a deliverable for the federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Oregon received.

# Public Comment: *Process-Focused*

- **NWL Fund**

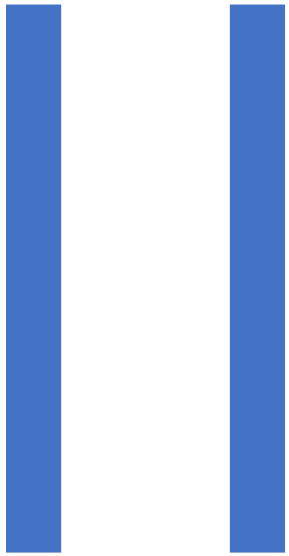
- Landowners and land managers, and organizations supporting them, should be given the opportunity to provide input on the structure of any grant programs or other incentive programs, with a process for considering and incorporating that feedback.
  - To be discussed as the Fund workstream is developed
- Don't do rulemaking on fund allocation - Undertaking a rulemaking process before funds can be allocated would place an unnecessary administrative burden on the Commission and state agencies, and would delay implementation.
  - Still assessing next steps regarding any needed rulemaking
- Work closely with state agencies to identify opportunities in the near term for investment with special consideration given to deadlines for leveraging additional federal funding; Conduct a crosswalk between existing state agency program practices and the practices that the NWL Project has drafted to understand how many existing state programs already meet natural climate solutions objectives as well as whether new programs might need to be established
  - The Commission is engaging with relevant state agencies to help build out the Fund workstream and the Commission will take these suggestions into consideration



# Public Comment: *Additional Areas of Work*

- **Address legacy emissions**
  - Calculate Oregon's historic contribution – set goals and timelines to address
  - Encourage Oregon cities, counties, Tribes to calculate and assist them in setting goals
  - Oregon does not currently do this and would require significant new programming. Consider in Emerging Issues as resources allow.
- **Consider all approaches to GHG removal and all methods of permanent storage – both natural and technological (or “engineered”)**
  - Commission currently focused on natural climate solutions. Consider technological in Emerging Issues as resources allow.
- **Support job growth and economic development opportunities around greenhouse gas removal and storage**
  - There will be a workforce study as part of natural and working lands work
- **Develop plans to increase available state funding for these items**
  - Relevant Commission work on Natural and Working Lands Fund

# Oregon Climate Change Research Institute's Sixth Climate Assessment



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# Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia

# Oregon Public Utility Commission: Utility Planning for Climate Policy

# Public Comment

Next Steps