

Oregon Global Warming Commission
Public Comments Through November 16, 2023 - UPDATED November 17

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Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 10:58 AM
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Subject: RE: clarification of public comment on OGWC's draft workplan

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Thank you for raising this, Megan. I think one distinction we thought was important was making sure that the Commission's process seeks broad input/nominations on what interests may be important to include beyond those listed in statute in addition to seeking nominations and applications from associations (and broad networks, to your point Cathy) associated with the interests the advisory committee is required to include.

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Thanks so much Megan, we appreciate the clarification. Adding David Ford for his visibility. Laura feel free to add thoughts as Megan suggests below. We will discuss this at our Nov meeting so this is timely.

My sense during drafting the bill was that there may be some types of potential members that aren't associated with a trade association or advocacy association – but assuming the Commission members will agree I think we should reach out broadly to networks and associations both for distribution and recommendations as we did last time.

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OGWC Chair MacDonald, Commissioners Apter and Rietmann, and Zach

At the last OGWC meeting Zach walked through and provided a response to the Public Comment received on the OGWC's draft workplan.

You noted the [public comment from Natural Climate Solutions Coalition](#) which asked the Commission to "Establish a nomination process in addition to application process" for the NWL Advisory Committee. You noted that "No further discussion of this was provided in the comment so unclear on distinction sought".

You're right, I apologize, that we did not elaborate on this in our public comment.

I was involved with drafting this section of our comments, so I can clarify.

We thought a nomination process, or request for recommendations, would be valuable. The statute reads "The commission shall seek recommendations for committee members from industry and advocacy associations *where appropriate.*" I wasn't sure whether the "where appropriate" language meant that it was required or optional if the commission didn't think appropriate. We thought nominations or recommendations should be requested.

I'm cc:ing Laura Tabor, from The Nature Conservancy, who helped to draft this section of our comments, in case she'd like to clarify further.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of our comments.

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From: Andrea Kreiner <andrea.kreiner@oacd.org>
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Good morning,

Attached please find comments from the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts for the Commission's November 17th meeting.

Respectfully,
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November 7, 2023

To: Oregon Global Warming Commission
Re: Development of Directions to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
for the Natural and Working Lands Fund

Dear Chair Macdonald and members of the Oregon Global Warming Commission,

We thank the Commission for recognizing the importance and urgency of this work under the State Policy for Natural Climate Solutions. Our comments will address the directions the Commission will be giving to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) for use and allocation of the Natural and Working Lands Fund (Fund).

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) represents Oregon's 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, special districts governed by elected boards. The Districts protect and enhance soil quality, water quality and quantity, and habitat by supporting voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and managers as well as federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

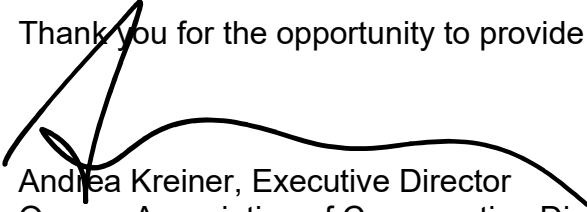
As noted in the September 23, 2023 comments on the draft workplan by the Natural Climate Solutions Coalition, "the Fund will only be effective if it is accessible to landowners and land managers. Input from landowners and land managers, and organizations supporting them, will be critical as any grant programs or other incentive programs are developed, to ensure they are structured in a way that is accessible. 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."

Soil and Water Conservation Districts are some of the key organizations that work with land owners and managers on implementing carbon sequestration practices and will be key in effective implementation of grant projects supported

by the Fund as well and guiding and assisting land owners in accessing federal funding for their projects.

Our concern is that Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other organizations that will be assisting landowners in their projects, may not have the staff capacity to take on this additional work. It is our request that the Commission direct OWEB to allow the Fund to be used for organization staff capacity as part of fundable grant projects. There is nothing in Section 56 of the Act (HB3409) that precludes this use of the funding. In our view this staff capacity will be necessary in order to implement the technical assistance and project implementation called for in Section 56.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your decision-making process.



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Subject: Form Submission - New Form - Climate change

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Sent via form submission from [Keep Oregon Cool](#)

Name: Cory Little

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Subject: Climate change

Message: I would like to add a public comment to the upcoming global warming commission meeting. My name is Cory and I am a green energy researcher developing ocean wave conversion and liquid nitrogen transportation, currently filing a patent for a method of converting ocean waves to compressed air and have open sourced a rotary sequence valve that when combined with two double action pistons creates an efficient compressed gas motor with only five moving parts. Diagrams can be seen at pneubike.com. As someone who is dedicated to creating a sustainable path forward with low cost technology development I am hoping that the commission will take my advice on the following actions. All clearcut logging on state forest land must be halted immediately. The unsustainable rate of removing carbon capturing biomass is going to make this state unlivable in the very near future. It takes an evolved understanding of weather to fully grasp climate change and how it is created by the high and low pressure zones that are drastically effected by the level the of absorption of solar energy. By allowing the coastal mountains to have the vegetation reduced to the point of creating a warming effect on the air it creates a high pressure zone that dramatically reduces the amount of moisture that can pass through the region. This causes a drying effect on the cascade mountain range and when coupled with poor forest management, overcrowded tree farms, and the removal of fire resistant old growth, causes uncontrollable fires that make any vehicle or industry emissions laughable. My hope is that the global warming commission can focus it's efforts to significantly decrease the destruction of our public lands, and put our state on track to having an understanding that we need our forests to grow old growth trees again to maintain a stable environment for future generations.

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I see The Oregon Global Warming Commission is meeting 11/17. Here's a note to say please move quickly on fighting the climate emergency. The more we can restore lands to a natural state and reach a better balance with nature, the better chance we have to avoid ecological collapse (and consequently economic collapse, too).

Do your best. Act fast.

Thanks,
Renee Rutz
Portland, OR

From: Squarespace <form-submission@squarespace.info>
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Sent via form submission from [Keep Oregon Cool](#)

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Subject: References in the TIGHGER and 2030 Roadmap

Message: I'm looking for this document: <https://www.keeporegoncool.org/s/Programs-Regulations-Adopted-Descriptions.pdf> that is referenced at the bottom of page 8 of the TIGHGER report. There are other references in the TIGHGER and Roadmap reports where the links are broken. Thanks!

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To: Oregon Global Warming Commission

Thank you in advance for considering my comments.

-Margaret

Date: 11/16/2023

ATTN: Oregon Global Warming Commission

RE: Institute for Natural Resources Final Report and NWL Stakeholder Advisory Committee process

dai, niishanax, hello Chair Macdonald and Commissioners

I am writing to express the need for the Natural and Working Lands Report and Commission processes to integrate indigenous land use strategies to address climate resiliency. I appreciate the work of the Commission to date and thank you for your deliberation of these comments.

I participated for only a limited time on the Natural and Working Lands (NWL) Stakeholder Advisory Committee due to capacity constraints and concerns about representation of Tribal Nation land management practices and traditional use. From my short time on the Committee, leading up to the report you are reviewing today, I see little reflection of inclusion of Tribal practice or direct collaboration with Tribal Nations despite that the work of the Advisory Committee and the NWL project is very consequential to Tribes. I am requesting the Committee recognize this gap in work and the need to develop a plan for incorporating Tribal Nation land and resource strategies, management and stewardship which have a role in sequestering carbon and reducing GHG emissions.

The Commission must acknowledge that the strategies and practices in the final report will occur on the ancestral lands of Tribes and should reflect upon the traditional practices that continue to occur in these places. The practices you see in the document are concepts that are aiming to fix colonial use regimes that in most cases are less than 150 years old. I am glad the Commission aims to identify methods to remedy colonial traditions that contribute to GHG emissions issues and start working for a more resilient future.

The Commission needs look to Tribal Nations for their deep knowledge and expertise, especially in this sector, which looks to holistic stewardship to promote relational systems and valued ecosystem-based services that were discounted by colonial land management. It is vital that indigenous strategies, which have been used and adapted since time immemorial and which are still used by Tribal Nations today, be included and valued as a climate adaptation and sequestration strategies.

It is noteworthy that these traditional stewardship strategies do not fit easily into the established NWL categories – sometimes there is overlap, but for the most part these do not fit into the structure or framework provided. One important example is the distinction between natural and working lands. From an indigenous worldview, there is no differentiation. The system is viewed holistically, with culture practice, respect, management action, relationships, and ecological knowledge as components of land stewardship. It is important that the Commission acknowledge and co-create definitions and concepts that reflect and recognize this; Tribes should not be left out again and the report must be honest in recognizing the foundation of the regimes included. Acknowledgement is the start and from there the long work can start on how best to work together.

While on the Advisory Committee, the idea of including ‘indigenous practices’ definition was offered. I want to recognize that I had concerns with including indigenous definitions because it felt outside the scope of the Committee, it was something that should be developed by Tribes, and as a single individual I felt uncomfortable drafting something without Tribal voices. A fuller lengthier conversation needed to take place first, this continues to be true.

As a starting point, these are some of the questions that came to mind during my participation in the NWL Committee and I would ask that the Commission consider engaging with Tribes to consider these as well as others: How do we add traditional stewardship and management practices into colonial land use context? Do we add them specifically or generally? How do we protect Tribal cultural privacy while also supporting Tribal lifeways? How are Indigenous practices framed in the colonial context of “Natural and Working Lands” “Forestry” and “Agriculture”? How are traditional practices weighted and/or valued in relation to other strategies?

The Tribes are the foundation of land management in the state; they should not be an afterthought. I brought forward my concerns about lack of robust engagement in hopes to highlight the need to bring Tribes to the table and fold them into this work. I am confident that if initiated, a collaboration would be of significant benefit to the outcomes of the work to sequester and reduce GHG emissions, but there is a lot to discuss, and this work needs to commence to get there. I fear that the longer the Commission delays, the more frustrated the Tribes and the Commission will be when working to meaningfully incorporate indigenous stewardship into a structure that is a poor fit for long-standing stewardship, ie. traditional use and management practices. In addition, there is an opportunity to align with Tribal Nation land repatriation goals and that alignment could help prioritize investments and realize outcomes faster.

I recognize the intent of the Commission is to include Tribes and that formal processes exist outside of the Commission; however, I want to reflect that the current process has setting that stage. I am familiar with the conflicts in capacity, process, regulation, legislation that call for engagement for which no effective and respectful formula exists. I ask that the Commission be creative and identify opportunities to support indigenous practices and knowledge and recognize the expertise and authorities of Tribal Nations. There are potential models that the Commission could look to, like standing up regular information sharing and working meetings with Tribal experts. Success has come in the past from these at times when the effort is targeted to recognize capacity constraints, promote collaboration, and increase knowledge of important stewardship strategies, and brings in key state agency staff, experts like the Legislative Commission on Indian Services and/or select representatives coordinated with the Governor’s office.

I feel the Commission has a role in ensuring that Tribal expertise, rights, roles, stewardship is represented in strategies built to promote sequestration, reduce GHG emissions and buffer the effects of climate change.

luuwii, hiisa, with gratitude

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