

ORS 496.171 to 496.192, the Governor shall direct the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to begin rulemaking, as provided in ORS 496.176, to remove the species from the list created pursuant to ORS 496.172. Upon recovery, adequate measures pursuant to the Oregon Plan shall remain in place, as necessary, to help a species avoid a return to threatened or endangered status.

(8)(a) The Governor, or the Governor's designee, shall negotiate with federal officials to obtain assurances to the effect that compliance with the Oregon Plan and the programs and policies found in the statutes listed in subsection (3) of this section and implementation of related state programs and policies will satisfy federal requirements imposed by the federal Endangered Species Act. Specifically, the Governor, or the Governor's designee, shall seek an exemption to the requirements of 16 U.S.C. 1533(d), shall seek to enter into a cooperative agreement pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1535(c) or shall seek to obtain a permit that allows the incidental taking of species under 16 U.S.C. 1539(a).

(b) State agencies responsible for implementing the programs and policies found in the statutes listed in subsection (3) of this section shall work with the Governor, or the Governor's designee, and with federal officials to provide the information necessary to obtain the exemptions, agreement or permit specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection. [Formerly 541.405; 2015 c.771 §8; 2017 c.14 §2]

Note: See note under 541.890.

(Oregon Plan Administration)

541.900 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; officers; qualifications. (1) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board is created. The board shall consist of 18 members as set forth in subsection (2) of this section. The chairperson shall have such powers and duties as are provided by the rules of the board.

(2)(a) The 11 voting members of the board shall be knowledgeable about natural resource issues, represent all geographic regions of this state and include at least one representative of a tribe. The board shall consist of the following:

(A) Each of the following boards or commissions shall designate one member of their board or commission to serve on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board:

- (i) The Environmental Quality Commission;
- (ii) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission;
- (iii) The State Board of Forestry;
- (iv) The State Board of Agriculture; and

(v) The Water Resources Commission; and

(B) Six public members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in accordance with ORS 171.562 and 171.565. Each public member shall serve for a term of four years. A member shall be eligible for reappointment, but no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

(b) In addition to the voting members, the director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, or the director's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting member of the board and shall participate as needed in the activities of the board.

(c) In addition to the voting and nonvoting members designated in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, representatives of the following federal agencies shall be invited to serve as additional nonvoting members of the board:

(A) A representative of the United States Forest Service.

(B) A representative of the United States Bureau of Land Management.

(C) A representative of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

(D) A representative of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

(E) A representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service of the United States Department of Commerce.

(F) A representative of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(3) The voting members of the board shall select a chairperson from among the voting members of the board.

(4) At least eight voting members of the board must be present to take action to award grant funds under ORS 541.926. If three or more voting members object to an award of grant funds, the board shall reject the proposal. The board shall allow an applicant to revise a rejected proposal to comply with the requirements of ORS 541.947, 541.956 and 541.958 and resubmit the proposal. [Formerly 541.360; 2017 c.14 §3]

Note: See note under 541.890.

541.902 Executive director of Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board; appointment. (1) Subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565, the Governor shall appoint an executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The executive director shall be an individual qualified by training and experience and shall serve for a term of four years, at the pleasure of the Governor.