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EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

OFFICE: Fish & Wildlife Commission, State

APPOINTEE: Mark Labhart of Sisters; New Appointment  
Captain James Nash of Enterprise; New Appointment  
Robert Spelbrink of Siletz; New Appointment  
Mary Wahl of Langlois; New Appointment  
Jill Zarnowitz of Yamhill; New Appointment

TERM: Labhart and Nash: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2023  
Spelbrink: May 15, 2019 – May 31, 2020  
Wahl: May 15, 2019 – May 14, 2023  
Zarnowitz: September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2023

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY: ORS 496.090

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST REQUIRED (ORS 244.050): Required

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: ORS 496.090

Affirmative action policy: See ORS 182.100. Diversity criteria: See ORS 236.115.

- Seven members serve at the pleasure of the Governor, state residents, eligible for reappointment.
- One member of the commission from each congressional district,
  - First District – ZARNOWITZ
  - Second District – BITTLE
  - Third District – WOLLEY
  - Fourth District – WAHL
  - Fifth District – SPELBRINK
- One member from that portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains (NASH)
- One member from that portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains (LABHART)
- Have a general knowledge of fish and wildlife issues and an understanding of the operation and functions of public policy boards and commissions.
- In making appointments to the commission, the Governor is to consider appointing members who possess natural resource backgrounds such as commercial fishing, recreational fishing, hunting, agriculture, forestry and conservation.

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY: ORS Chapters 496, 497, 498 and 501

- Provide for the productive and sustainable utilization of wildlife resources for all users.
- Represent the public interest of the state
- Make decisions affecting the wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of those resources.
- Appoint State Fish and Wildlife Director
- Make biennial report to Governor and Legislative Assembly
- Formulate and implement policies and programs for the management of wildlife
- Adopt rules and standards

- Hold at least one meeting per year in each of the congressional districts in Oregon
- Acquire, introduce, propagate and stock wildlife species
- Establish licenses, tags and permits for angling, hunting and trapping and prescribe tagging and sealing procedures
- May establish special hunting and angling areas or seasons for old or young people
- Establish preference system for individuals who are unsuccessful in controlled hunt permit drawings for deer and elk hunting have reasonable assurance of success in those drawings in subsequent years
- Acquire by purchase, lease, agreement, gift or exercise of eminent domain for wildlife management and recreation purposes
- Sell and exchange state property
- Establish and develop wildlife refuge and management areas
- Set fees for licenses, tags, permits and applications
- Enter into contracts to develop and encourage wildlife research and management
- Establish cooperative wildlife management programs with federal government.
- Offer rewards for the arrest and conviction of people who violate wildlife laws
- Establish hunting seasons and areas
- Conduct salmon and trout enhancement programs
- Employ wildlife enforcement officers with the approval of the Governor and Superintendent of State Police
- Institute suits for recovery of damages for the unlawful taking or killing of wildlife
- Appoint agents for issuance of licenses, tags or permits
- Revoke licenses, tags and permits
- Adopt rules establishing schedule of civil penalties for violations of wildlife laws or rules adopted by the Commission.

## Executive Appointments Board Roster

### Fish and Wildlife Commission, State

Agency: Fish & Wildlife  
Authorization: ORS 496.090  
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Natural Resources

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Holly A Akenson East of the Cascades	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019 07-01-2011 - 06-30-2015	

James L Bittle CD 2	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 12-18-2020	

Bruce B Buckmaster CD 2	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 06-01-2015 - 05-31-2019	

Michael V Finley, Chair West of the Cascades	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019 07-01-2011 - 06-30-2015	

Mark W Labhart East of the Cascades	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023	

Jim Nash West of the Cascades	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023	

Bob Spelbrink CD 5	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 05-31-2020	

Mary D Wahl CD 4	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 05-14-2023	

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**Policy Area:** Natural Resources

Robert F Webber

Cong. District 4

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 03-01-2014 - 02-28-2018  
03-01-2010 - 02-28-2014

Gregory J Wolley

CD 3

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 06-01-2016 - 05-31-2020  
06-01-2012 - 05-31-2016

Jill E Zarnowitz

CD 1

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 09-01-2019 - 08-31-2023