# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules

and Executive Appointments

DATE: September 12, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



#### **OCEAN POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

## **New Appointee**

Kyle Motley of Coos Bay

## Re-appointee

Joe Liebezeit of Portland

#### **Terms**

Liebezeit: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029 Motley: October 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

### **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

ORS 196.438 (2023)

#### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

## Composition<sup>3</sup>

The council is composed of 24 members, including:

- the Governor or designee, nonvoting (VACANT);
- a representative of the governing body of Coos, Curry, Douglas or Lane County, approved by those bodies (MAIN);
- a representative of the governing body of Clatsop, Lincoln or Tillamook County, approved by those bodies (KUJALA);
- an elected city official from a coastal city, with advice from an Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (RECHT);
- the director or designee, nonvoting, of the:
  - Department of Environmental Quality (HOOFF);
  - Department of Fish and Wildlife (GROTH);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 (2023) and 171.565 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ORS 244.050 (2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ORS 196.438 (2023); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

- Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (ALLAN);
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (PHIPPS);
- Department of State Lands (VACANT);
- Parks and Recreation Department (SUMPTION);
- Department of Agriculture (VACANT); and
- Oregon State University Sea Grant College (NIELSEN);
- a representative of each of the following ocean interests:
  - commercial ocean fisheries from Newport north (VACANT);
  - commercial ocean fisheries from Newport south (CHAMBERS);
  - o noncommercial ocean fisheries from Newport north (VACANT);
  - o charter, sport or recreation ocean fisheries of Newport south (HEAP);
  - ports marine navigation or transportation (EDWARDS);
  - coastal non-fishing recreation interests (O'CONNOR);
  - o a coastal conservation or environmental organization (BROCK);
  - Oregon Indian tribes, in consultation with the Commission on Indian Services (CORVI);
  - a coastwide organization representing a majority of small ports and local governments, nonvoting, (MONROE); and
  - o a statewide conservation or environmental organization (LIEBEZEIT); and
- two public members, one of whom must be a resident of a coastal county (JOYCE, MOTLEY).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum. The voting members select a chair. The council meets at least once every six months.<sup>4</sup>

#### **Duties**<sup>5</sup>

The council must:

- review the Territorial Sea Plan and Oregon Ocean Resources Management Plan;
- advance policies for the conservation and use of ocean resources;
- discuss ocean resource policy, planning, and management issues;
- offer advice about ocean resources management issues;
- encourage participation of federal agencies in ocean resources planning;
- establish a permanent scientific and technical advisory committee;
- consult with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife about potential sites for marine reserve designation; and
- appoint member to the Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> ORS 196.443 to 196.573 (2023).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> ORS 196.448 (2023).

## **Ocean Policy Advisory Council**

Agency: Land Conservation and Development,

**Department of** 

Authorization: ORS 196.438

Min Members: 12 Max Members: 24

Term Length: 4 Term Limit: 2

Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes

Policy Area: Natural Resources

Board Admin: Andy Lanier

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### **Current Appointments**

Ms Chambers, Susan L

South Coast Commercial Fisheries

Position Number: 14

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

2/14/2018 - 6/30/2021

Hooff, Rian **DEQ** Designee

Position Number: 2

Term(s):

Term(s):

**Groth, Scott** 

**ODFW** Designee

Position Number: 3

Mr Heap, Richard T Jr.

South Coast Sport/Recreational Fishing

Position Number: 16

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

3/15/2017 - 6/30/2017

Allan, Jonathan

**DOGAMI** Designee

Position Number: 4

Term(s):

Ms Phipps, Lisa M

**DLCD** Designee

Position Number: 5

Term(s):

Ms Brock, Tara C

Coastal Conservation or Environmental Organization

Position Number: 19

Term(s):

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026

10/1/2020 - 6/30/2022

Ms Sumption, Lisa L

OPRD Director/Desginee

Position Number: 7

Term(s):

orvi, Margaret	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027	
ribal Representative		10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023	
osition Number: <b>20</b>			
1r Monroe, Ray S	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027	
epresentative of a coastwide organization representing a		11/25/2019 - 6/30/2023	
ajority of small ports and local governments			
osition Number: <b>21</b>			
elsen, Karina	Term(s):	-	
SU Sea Grant Director			
sition Number: 9			
r Main, Robert "Bob" E	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026	
outh Coast Government		7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021	
osition Number: <b>10</b>		3/15/2017 - 6/30/2017	
ijala, Mark	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028	
atsop County Commissioner and Board Chair			
osition Number: <b>11</b>			
echt, Fran	Term(s):	4/22/2022 - 6/30/2025	
oastal Elected City Official			
osition Number: <b>12</b>			
wards, Nicholas	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027	
orts, Marine Transportation or Navigation			
sition Number: 17			
Connor, Amelia	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027	
onfishing recreation			
sition Number: 18			
ebezeit, Joseph "Joe" R	Term(s):	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029	
atewide Conservation/Environmental Organization		11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025	
osition Number: 22			
otley, Kyle	Term(s):	10/1/2025 - 6/30/2029	
ublic Member - Coastal Resident			
osition Number: 23			
byce, Margaret "Peggy"	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025	
ublic Member			
osition Number: <b>24</b>			

Vacant Positions						
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End		
1	Mr Dunn, Kevin L	Governor	7/1/2017	6/30/2021		
1	Mr McMullen, Scott R	Governor	3/1/2014	6/30/2017		
1	Mr McMullen, Scott R	Governor	4/4/2005	6/30/2008		
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End		
6	Mr Plybon, Charles "Charlie" T	Governor	7/1/2018	6/30/2022		
6	Mr Plybon, Charles "Charlie" T	Governor	9/19/2014	6/30/2018		
6	Mr Sickler, Fred W	Governor	4/4/2005	6/30/2008		
6	Ms Walker, Vicki L	Statute/Bill				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End		
8	Corvi, Margaret	Governor	10/1/2020	6/30/2023		
8	Ms Flier, Meagan K	Governor	9/26/2016	6/30/2020		
8	Mr Kentta, Robert R	Governor	10/1/2007	6/30/2008		
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End		
13	Mr Miner, Jason D	Statute/Bill				
13	Goldfarb, Gabriela	Unknown				
13	Mr Bowles, Ed	Statute/Bill				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End		
15	Ms Braby, Caren	Statute/Bill				