



EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS INTEREST FORM



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Board/Commission Appointment(s) Desired: (Please print or type)

Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

(Board Name)

Position Requirements (If any)

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First Name: Mary MI: G Last Name: Wahl

Preferred Name: Mary (Ex: Thomas -> Tom) Title: (Mr. Ms. Dr.) _____ Suffix: (Jr., PhD) _____

Occupation: Retired (Select one) Home: Work:

Preferred Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

City: Langlois State: OR Zip Code: 97450 County: Curry

(Ex: Marion, Multnomah, Coos, Lane.....Not USA)

Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Home Phone [REDACTED]

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State Senate District #: 1 State House District #: 1 Federal Congressional District #: 4

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To assist us in meeting our affirmative action objectives, we would appreciate information about your gender identity and background. This information is optional and is used for data collection only. Under state and federal law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Gender Identity: Female LGBTQ: Disability: _____

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IMPORTANT (Please Read)!

A résumé detailing your work, educational background, and relevant experience is required. For boards requiring senate confirmation, a short bio is also required highlighting key career and personal/professional community activities. A statement of interest describes why you wish to serve, and why you meet the requirements for appointment. You must be an Oregon resident to apply unless otherwise noted. Please review your information to ensure accuracy.

* Did you remember to include your Bio, Resume, Statement of Interest, and sign your background page?



MARY WAHL

Langlois, OR 97450

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EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration, Harvard University
Bachelor of Arts, Oregon State University and University of Pavia (Pavia, Italy)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MANAGER, WATERSHED SERVICES GROUP, CITY OF PORTLAND'S BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, 2000 2010

Responsibilities included watershed planning and implementation, sustainable stormwater management and ensuring the City's compliance with portions of the federal Clean Water, Safe Drinking Water, and Endangered Species Acts.

DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1991 2000

Administered cleanups of contaminated sites, spills, and hazardous and solid waste management programs across the state. Managed all aspects of statewide strategic planning, budget, staff management, policy development, legislation and public involvement. \$25 million annual budget; 80 staff.

MANAGER, CLEANUP POLICY & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1986 1989; 1990 1991

Directed development of policy and pertinent legislation; responsible for contracting, planning, grant writing, and information management for DEQ's Environmental Cleanup Division. Managed technical, professional and support staff and a \$9.5 million annual budget.

PROJECT MANAGER, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, 1985 1986

Managed all components of headquarters relocation, including the negotiation of a long term lease and space planning for a 300 member staff. Developed specifications and oversaw contracts with computer, telephone, movers. Managed \$2.5 million project budget.

OWNER/ OPERATOR, DINNER AT EIGHT, INC., 1983 1985

Established gourmet restaurant and catering business. Responsible for all aspects of business, including financing, corporate set up, licensing and advertising, along with facility acquisition, restoration and décor, staffing and daily operation.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION, 1981 1983

Negotiated and managed contracts with prominent organizations representing the interests of citizens and legal entities. Responsible for project fiscal accountability and for compliance with US Department of Justice rules and regulations. Conducted issue analyses and published reports. Supervised technical and support staff.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY CONSORTIUM, 1979 1981

Researched and analyzed organizational policy issues. Represented management in the labor contract bargaining process. Prepared and analyzed budgets. Represented the Director on state and local committees. Interpreted federal regulations and negotiated compliance issues with the U.S. Department of Labor.

RESEARCHER/ WRITER, OREGON COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY, 1979

Monitored state legislative proceedings addressing juvenile justice issues. Researched and analyzed legislation. Wrote and published articles and newsletters about model juvenile justice programs.

STAFF ASSISTANT, LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 1975 1979

Analyzed issues, policies and options related to land use, health, transportation, and economic development. Advised Lane County leaders on policy decisions and constituent relations. Served as liaison to county staff, federal, state and city agencies, and numerous private organizations. Wrote speeches, press releases, and reports.

Mary Wahl
Application for Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Interest Statement

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission addresses issues of importance and value to all Oregonians. I am applying to be a Commission member because the combination of my family history, work and personal experiences and interests — and the skills and solution based approach I've developed in 30+ years of work in conservation related fields — will contribute to the Commission's protection and enhancement of Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats, both now and in the future.

Here are some of the ways I will add value to the Commission:

1. **A broad and pragmatic perspective.** My life has long been deeply rooted in both rural and urban Oregon, in both agriculture and conservation, and in numerous successful efforts to conserve and protect Oregon's natural resources in urban and rural settings. I grew up on a ranch in a rural community, worked for many years in Portland and Salem, and am now combining my agricultural and conservation backgrounds at the northern Curry County ranches where I grew up, and which my siblings and I co own. For example, a quarter of our ranch at the mouth of Elk River is fenced off as livestock exclusion areas that support fish and wildlife habitat. Importantly, this integration of habitat and agricultural operations is beneficial to both the agriculture and habitat components. It is quite doable to have ranches that are active, economically viable AND successfully conserve habitat. In fact, the latter can be part of the reason they are viable. I describe the work I do now as being at the nexus of conservation and ranching.
2. **Extensive knowledge of the possibilities and challenges of environmental management.** I have worked in several county, state and city agencies in Oregon, and have great appreciation for both the constraints on those entities, and the extent of the accomplishments possible from them. I have managed programs, people, budgets, and public processes ranging from managing the creation and adoption of new state statutes for toxic cleanups to negotiating and implementing multiple contracts, to managing the creation, adoption and implementation of the Portland Watershed Management Plan. This experience has provided me with the ability to recognize how important collaboration, fairness and open processes are to ultimate program outcomes and public acceptance, and the humility to know how lengthy and challenging those efforts can be.
3. **Decades of positive collaboration through service on boards of directors, advisory committees and other working groups committed to the health of Oregon's environment and working farms and ranches.** My board memberships and related activities have focused largely on natural resource conservation. I retired from my last full time job (managing the City of Portland's watershed program) to concentrate on conservation and working lands initiatives on Oregon's south coast to find ways to make conservation of natural resources, especially in and around rural communities like those on Oregon's south coast, a core feature of the economy and future of those areas.

I am currently on the board of the Wild Rivers Land Trust (which serves all of Curry and part of Coos counties), on the steering and executive committees for the Wild River Coast Alliance (the charitable arm of the Bandon Dunes Golf Courses), and on the Portland Audubon Society's Conservation Committee. I served as the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society representative on ODFW's

2014 Coastal Multi Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) workgroup. A small group of us from the area remain engaged with ODFW in the ongoing work to ensure the CMP is implemented, which will give the wild fall Chinook population a chance to return to health.

I believe my combination of 1) being a co owner of ranch land where we have integrated habitat conservation into the ongoing operations of the ranch; 2) working in conservation and related fields for many years; 3) serving on boards, advisory committees and work groups closely related to the kinds of issues that come before Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission; 4) working at the nexus of ranching and conservation; and 5) my long history of effectively managing public programs and processes, and engaging effectively with people across many parts of Oregon, and on multiple complex issues, gives me a background well suited to serving as an engaged and effective Commission member.

Mary Wahl
Application for Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission
Biographical Information



Mary Wahl grew up in the Langlois area of northern Curry County. She earned a Master's degree in Public Administration, with Environmental Management and Economics specialties, from Harvard University and a Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. She managed watershed services for the City of Portland, Oregon, for a decade and previously managed hazardous and solid waste programs, including toxics cleanup, for the State of Oregon.

Mary retired from her work in Portland to focus on conservation efforts on Oregon's south coast. Her current work includes conserving Oregon's land base for agriculture and fish and wildlife habitat, finding ways to integrate conservation and ranch operations, and protecting one of Oregon's last coastal old growth forest watersheds. Mary and her siblings are fourth-generation ranch owners on Oregon's south coast. Integration of conservation into ranch operations has been part of the ranch management approach for more than 20 years. About 25 percent of the ranch is fenced off as livestock exclusion areas where conservation and habitat dominate. She is currently on the board of directors of the Wild Rivers Land Trust and the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance, and recently served as the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society's representative on ODFW's Conservation and Management Plan advisory group.

Besides conservation interests, Mary enjoys kayaking, hiking, travel, gardening and finding excuses to be outside.