

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE CHARTER

- 1. Official Designation:** Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force (Task Force).
- 2. Scope and Objectives:** The purpose of the Task Force, as described in Section 4 of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (Act), P.L. 99-552, is to assist the Secretary of the Interior in the formulation, coordination, and implementation of the Restoration Program for the Klamath River Basin Conservation Area (Area), to assist and coordinate its activities with Federal, State, local government or private anadromous fish restoration projects within the Area; and to conduct any other activity necessary to accomplish the objectives of the program. It may also act as advisor to the Klamath Fishery Management Council.
- 3. Duration:** The Task Force will operate until at least September 30, 2006.
- 4. Agency or Official to Whom the Task Force Reports:** The Task Force will report to the Secretary, including provision of an annual report of its activities and recommendations.
- 5. Bureau Responsible for Providing Necessary Support:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide the administrative and technical support required for the Task Force as identified in Section 4(g)(1) of the Act.
- 6. Estimated Annual Operating Costs:** The estimated annual operating support cost of the Task Force is \$102,700, which includes 1.4 staff years of administrative/technical support.
- 7. Description of Duties:** The Task Force functions only in an advisory capacity. It is responsible for advising the Secretary on Federal, State, local, and private efforts to implement the 20-year program to restore the anadromous fish populations of the Area. The program activities that the Task Force reviews and reports on annually include: research that evaluates the Area's anadromous fish populations; activities that improve, restore, and rehabilitate problem watersheds; proposals to improve existing Area hatcheries and rearing ponds; implementation of an intensive stocking program to rebuild run size; and proposals to improve upstream and downstream migration. The Task Force is expected to coordinate, in an advisory capacity, Federal, State, county, tribal, and private efforts in order to achieve efficient and effective use of resources.
- 8. Allowances for Task Force Members:** Task Force members, while away from their homes or regular places of business, in the performance of services for the Task Force, will be allowed travel expenses, including a per diem allowance in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed travel expenses under Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code. Task Force members who are employees of an agency or governmental unit and eligible for travel expenses from that agency or unit for performing services for the Task Force, are not eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses from appropriations available to the Task Force. No money authorized or appropriated under the Act may be used to reimburse any Task Force member or agency or governmental unit (whose employees are Task Force members) for time spent by any employee performing Task Force duties.
- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:** The Task Force will meet at least annually, and also periodically as requested by the Chairman or a majority of its members and approved by the Designated Federal Officer.

10. Termination Date: We expect the Task Force to exist until September 30, 2006. Its continuation is, however, subject to biennial rechartering. The Task Force will take no action unless the filing requirements of Sections 9 and 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2) have been met.

11. Task Force Membership:

a. The Task Force is composed of 16 members appointed as set forth in Section 4(c) of the Act, as amended. Klamath Fishery Management Council membership is not a bar to Task Force appointment. All members will serve 4-year terms, at the discretion of their respective appointing authorities. Members appointed by a county board of supervisors will represent the interest of the appointing county. The Task Force will elect a Chairman from among its members.

b. Any vacancy on the Task Force will be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which his or her predecessor was appointed will be appointed only for the remainder of such term. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until his or her successor has taken office.

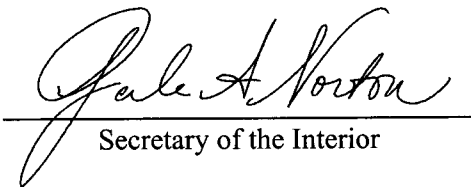
c. The Task Force will not elect officers, take positions on issues, or offer advice or recommendations with less than a majority of its members in attendance. All decisions of the Task Force must be by unanimous vote of all of its members present and voting.

d. The Supervisor, Klamath Fish and Wildlife Offices is the Designated Federal Officer.

12. Ethics Responsibilities of Members: A member may not participate in matters that will directly affect, or appear to affect, the financial interests of the member or the member's spouse or minor children, unless authorized by the DFO. Compensation from employment does not constitute a financial interest of the member so long as the matter before the committee will not have a special or distinct effect on the member or the member's employer, other than as part of a class. The provisions of this paragraph do not affect any other statutory or regulatory ethical obligations to which a member may be subject.

13. Subgroups: The Task Force may establish such workgroups or subcommittees as it deems necessary for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. Such workgroups may not conduct business without the direction of the full Task Force and must report to the full Task Force.

14. Authority: The Task Force is established by Section 4 of the Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act (P.L. 99-552), as amended by P.L. 100-580 (October 31, 1988), P.L. 100-653 (November 14, 1988), and P.L. 102-570 (October 29, 1992).


Secretary of the Interior

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