# COASTAL OREGON MARINE EXPERIMENT STATION ADVISORY COUNCIL BY-LAWS

# ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Members of this Council will be appointed by the Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, or his/her designee. Membership will be composed of 1) three members representing fisheries, 2) three members representing the seafood industry with at least one member representing the seafood processing industry, 3) two members representing the coastal community, and 4) one member representing coastal environmental issues. Members should have an Oregon presence with at least one member from the northern Oregon coast, one from the southern Oregon coast, and one from the central Oregon coast. The term of appointment will be for three years and up to three successive terms. At the end of the third term, members in good standing can serve an additional three terms upon a vote of the Council. All members in good standing who retire from the Council become ex officio members. The Council will consider at least two candidates for each vacancy which shall be approved by a quorum of the Council and the Dean of the college of Agriculture or their designee.

#### ARTICLE II - OPERATING YEAR MEETINGS

Section 1. Operating Year. The operating year of this Council shall begin on the first day of January of each year and close on the last day of the following December.

Section 2. <u>Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held at least twice annually. At least one meeting per year will be held at a site other than the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Advisory Council as appropriate.

Section 3. <u>Voting</u>. Each regular member of the council, or a proxy, shall have one vote.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any membership meeting.

Section 5. Officers. The Council will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson each of whom shall be a voting member of the Council. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be eligible to succeed themselves and serve at the pleasure of the Council. The Director of the Marine Experiment Station will serve as the Executive Secretary.

Section 6. Ex Officio (Non-Voting) Members. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association, the State Department of Agriculture, Oregon Business Development Department, Oregon Sea Grant Extension, Director of the Hatfield Marine Science Center and a representative of Coastal Local Government will be represented by ex officio membership. Former Council members are included as ex officio members. Other ex officio members may be added as needed.

### ARTICLE III - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, suspended, or repealed at any meeting of the membership by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the voting members present provided written notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed by U.S. postal service or E-mail to each voting member not less than 15 days prior thereto.

ARTICLE IV – ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES
Council members are expected to act consistent with the Purpose of the Council (Article II of the Advisory Council Constitution) by representing natural resources and marine-related agriculture of the Oregon Coast and related waterways, and advising the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station with particular reference to research programs, facilities, priorities, and resources. In order to achieve this Purpose, members are expected to meet the following responsibilities: 1) Attend all meetings and conference calls, or designate a proxy — more than two unexcused absences or three consecutive absences during a term are grounds for dismissal; 2) Be prepared to actively discuss agenda topics consistent with the Purpose of the Council; 3) Represent constituent interests by actively seeking their advice on issues consistent with the Council's Purpose.

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## ARTICLE V - DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The Director will help Council Members achieve their Purpose through effective coordination and communication. To meet this responsibility the Director will: 1) Work closely with the Council Chairperson to support Council members in meeting responsibilities; 2) Contact each Council member at least twice per year by phone or email to discuss Council responsibilities and relevant issues; 3) Structure meetings to facilitate effective communication and discussion; and 4) Communicate to Council Members the activities of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station and Advisory Council including i) publishing an annual report, ii) expanding and regularly updating the Marine Experiment Station website, and iii) publishing a minimum of two newsletters per year.

#### **ADOPTION**

These By-Laws were adopted by the members of this Council in a regularly called session at Newport, Oregon, on June 29, 1989 and modified in regularly called sessions in Charleston, Oregon, October 13, 1999, and Newport Oregon, June 16, 2014.

Chair, Advisory Council

Director

Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences
Director, Agricultural Experiment Station