

Call for Nominations  
Dated: *March 22, 2010*

Summary: The City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), Science, Fish, and Wildlife is seeking nominations of independent experts to conduct a peer review regarding the formulation of the City of Portland's proposed "North Reach Willamette River Mitigation Bank".

Dates: Nominations should be submitted by *April 23, 2010* per the instructions below.

For Further Information Contact: Any person wishing further information regarding this request for nominations may contact Ms. Kaitlin Lovell, Designated City Representative (DCR), Bureau of Environmental Services, by telephone/voicemail at (503) 823-7032; by fax at (503) 823-6995 or via e-mail at: [kaitlin.lovell@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:kaitlin.lovell@portlandoregon.gov). General information concerning the City of Portland Watershed Plan can be found at the City of Portland's website at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=32184>, and information regarding the City of Portland's River Plan, North Reach can be found at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=42540>

Supplemental Information:

Background: In order to address the on-going issues in the North Reach of the Willamette River, City staff, with the input of several stakeholder and community committees, has developed the first phase of the River Plan focusing on the North Reach. The River Plan / North Reach focuses on balancing the competing goals of:

- Maintaining a prosperous working harbor,
- Protecting and enhancing natural resources,
- Facilitating the clean-up of hazardous substances, and
- Providing public access to, along and across the river.

Purpose:

As a tool to help achieve these goals, the City is developing a City of Portland programmatic mitigation bank for the Lower Willamette River, specifically the North Reach of the Willamette River from RM 0 to RM 11.5 (approximately the Broadway Bridge). This mitigation bank will allow individual private or public banks to be certified to offer natural resource mitigation under the City's River Code (formerly the Greenway Code). Information developed by this panel of experts will be used to certify and establish mitigation banks that directly mitigate for development within the North Reach of the Willamette River with the possibility of expanding the geographic range as the River Plan addresses the Central and South Reaches of the Lower Willamette River within the City of Portland. Specifically, panel members will:

- Provide peer review and comment on the City's proposed valuation/quantification of habitat and its application in the North Reach;
- Provide direction for implementation, and identify any gaps;
- Advise the City on the potential need for additional biological factors for consideration.

Qualification Requirements: The City of Portland is seeking nomination of experts with regionally recognized expertise, knowledge, and experience for their work in comprehensive Habitat Evaluation Procedure (HEP), Habitat Equivalency Analysis (HEA), habitat quantification modeling, hydrology, hydrogeology, ecology, or aquatic or wildlife biology. Nominees with experience or expertise in the Willamette River are preferred, and must be qualified, independent scientists. Scientists from academic institutions, or non-regulatory scientists from state, federal or tribal agencies such as but not limited to the NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center, U.S. Forest Services Pacific Northwest Research Center, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, or Northwest Power and Conservation Commission Fish and Wildlife Program, are encouraged to apply. Qualified scientists who may have a pecuniary or financial interest in the development or application of the mitigation bank, or who have a direct or indirect conflict of interest in the process will not be considered.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals in the areas of expertise described above for possible selection and subsequent service on this expert ad hoc Panel. Nominations should be submitted in electronic format (which is preferred over hard copy). Self nominations are acceptable.

The City of Portland, BES, Science, Fish, and Wildlife Program requests:

- Contact information for the person making the nomination
- Contact information for the nominee
- Disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee
- The nominee's curriculum vita
- Sources of recent grant and/or contract support
- A biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, research activities, and recent service on other advisor committees or professional organizations.

Persons having questions about the nomination process should contact Ms. Kaitlin Lovell, the DCR, as indicated above in this notice. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than *April 23, 2010*. The City of Portland, BES, Science, Fish, and Wildlife program will acknowledge receipt of nominations.

Selection Process

The City of Portland will select, from those nominated, a balanced review panel which includes candidates who possess the necessary domains of knowledge, the relevant scientific perspectives (which, among other factors, can be influenced by work history and affiliation), and the collective breadth of experience to adequately address the charge.

The Science, Fish, and Wildlife Program will appoint a selection committee to review the pool of nominees. Due diligence will be conducted for all nominees to ascertain a nominee's level of impartiality, and/or lack of competing or conflicting pecuniary interests (including private and public activities) with regards to the outcome of the mitigation bank. The nominee is charged with bringing forth any possible affiliations or activities that could possibly be construed (either by the City or the public) as pecuniary interests. Selection of qualified candidates will be based from information provided by the candidates themselves, and background information gathered by the City's, Science, Fish, and Wildlife Program. Selection criteria to be used for Panel membership include: (a) Scientific and/or

technical expertise, knowledge and experience (primary factors); (b) availability and willingness to serve; (c) absence of financial conflicts of interest or appearance of partiality;; and (d) skills working in committees, subcommittees and advisory panels; and, for the Panel as a whole, (f) diversity of scientific expertise and viewpoints. The City of Portland values and welcomes diversity. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, the City of Portland encourages nominations of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups.

Commitment, this review panel will require approximately 20 hours of work, including a 4-6 hour workshop held in Portland with the balance comprised of review and report writing. The workshop will be facilitated and recorded by EnviroIssues. Travel reimbursement is possible but otherwise no compensation will be expended for these services.