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**To:** Council Members

**From:** Erik Merrill, ISRP and ISAB Coordinator, and Jim Ruff, ISAB Ex Officio

**Subject:** Term Renewals for four ISRP members and two ISAB members

### **Proposed Action**

Council staff asks that the Council approve the second three-year terms of Eric Loudenslager, Pete Bisson, Kate Myers, and Bruce Ward for the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP) through September 2011. Staff also asks that the Council advise Chairman Booth, in his capacity as the Council's representative on the Independent Scientific Advisory Board's (ISAB) Administrative Oversight Panel, to approve the second three-year terms of Peter Smouse and Rollie Lamberson through September 2011. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and NOAA Fisheries representatives on the ISAB's Administrative Oversight Panel support both Lamberson's and Smouse's term renewals.

### **Background**

The Council alone makes ISRP membership decisions. ISAB member appointments and term renewals are decided by the Council chair, the science director of NOAA-Fisheries Northwest Fisheries Science Center (in consultation with the NOAA Fisheries regional administrator), and a representative of the Columbia River Indian Tribes (at this time the executive director of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission). ISAB and ISRP members are eligible for two three-year terms with adjustments for continuity. All ISRP and ISAB members being considered for term renewal were appointed in 2005, and they have been active, effective, and extremely valuable members. Each member provides unique expertise making the ISRP and ISAB effective multi-disciplinary groups that are able to address the Fish and Wildlife Program's many scientific restoration and research issues. Members' electronic resumes can be accessed by clicking the links connected with each member's name; resumes are also available on the ISRP and ISAB's web page at <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/isab/members.htm>.

### **ISRP Members**

[Peter A. Bisson](#), Ph.D., is a senior scientist at the Olympia Forestry Sciences Laboratory of the U.S. Forest Service. He is the ISRP's Vice-chair, a very active member, and instrumental in the review of habitat projects, strategies, and metrics. He has been involved in independent science

review in the Columbia River Basin since the early 1990s and brings not only fisheries expertise to the ISRP but also institutional knowledge of the Fish and Wildlife Program and NOAA Recovery efforts.

[Eric J. Loudenslager](#), Ph.D., is a hatchery manager at Humboldt State University, California and is an expert in genetics and fish culture. He is the ISRP's Chair. He plays a critical role in the ISRP's operation, leads presentations of ISRP findings, ensures that the ISRP focuses on its scientific review criteria, and even with his Chair responsibilities is a prolific reviewer, adding thorough comments on all ISRP assignments. His hatchery and fish genetics expertise is invaluable to the ISRP, especially on Three-Step reviews.

[Katherine Myers](#), Ph.D., is the Principal Investigator of the High Seas Salmon Research Program at the School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington. She is an expert in ocean fisheries, an increasingly important area of interest for the Fish and Wildlife Program and a required expertise for the ISRP. She has also effectively and constructively reviewed freshwater habitat projects and hatchery programs.

[Bruce Ward](#) is a fisheries scientist at the British Columbia Ministry of Environment, Aquatic Ecosystem Science Section, University of British Columbia. He has applied his experience from decades of on-the-ground habitat work and research in British Columbia to the Columbia River. He has participated in reviews of Fish and Wildlife Program projects for over ten years and brings context and continuity to reviews.

## **ISAB Members**

[Roland Lamberson](#), Ph.D., is a Professor of Mathematics and Director of the Environmental Systems Graduate Program at Humboldt State University. He has been lead and section author for several ISAB reports and provides in-depth evaluation of mathematical modeling and statistics on mainstem passage and fish population viability reviews.

[Peter Smouse](#), Ph.D., is a Professor of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources at Rutgers University, New Jersey, and is an expert in biometrics and population theory. His three years on the ISAB have been extremely prolific and effective. He led several ISAB reviews and has been a section author on almost every ISAB review during his tenure. He is actively involved in the international science community and brings a unique out-of-basin perspective with a balance of knowledge of East and West coast salmon ecology and restoration efforts.

## **Future Appointments and Renewals**

The four ISRP member renewals are the only ISRP member appointment and renewal decisions in front of the Council for Fiscal Year 2009 (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009). In addition to the two ISAB member renewals recommended in this memo, the ISAB has two open positions to fill for Fiscal Year 2009. The scientists to fill these two positions will be selected by the ISAB's Administrative Oversight Panel from a list of candidates recommended by the National Academy of Sciences. This summer the Academy will update the current recommended list of ISAB and ISRP candidates<sup>1</sup> by screening a set of scientists that were

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.nwcouncil.org/fw/isab/nrc.pdf>

nominated for consideration this winter and recommending which nominees are qualified for potential appointment. Council discussion and Oversight Panel decisions on these two ISAB positions are planned for August and September 2008.

**ISAB and ISRP Member Terms**

<b>ISAB</b>	2008	2009	2010	2011
Nancy Huntly				2nd Term
William Percy				2nd Term
Stuart Hurlbert		Final Term		
Roland Lamberson				
Peter Smouse				
Colin Levings				
Rich Alldredge				
Chris Wood				
Dennis Scarnecchia				
Robert Naiman				
<i>Open Position 1</i>				
<i>Open Position 2</i>				
<b>ISRP</b>	2008	2009	2010	2011
John Epifanio				2nd Term
Eric Loudenslager				
Pete Bisson				
Katherine Myers				
Bruce Ward				
Linda Hardesty				
Rich Alldredge				
Colin Levings				
Chuck Henny				
Tom Poe				
Bob Bilby				
Terms coincide with the fiscal year, from October 1 through September 30.				