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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 one ISAB member

Proposed Action

Council staff asks that the Council approve the second terms for four members of the Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP):

- Richard Alldredge and Tom Poe through September 30, 2013
- Colin Levings and Chuck Henny through September 30, 2012

The term durations are staggered so the ISRP does not lose a significant portion of its experienced members in one year (see the table of ISRP and ISAB member terms below).

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 ISAB term of Colin Levings through September 2012. NOAA Fisheries' representative on the ISAB's Administrative Oversight Panel supports Levings' term renewal. The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission will be discussing Levings' term renewal over the next few weeks.

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 normally 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 www.nwcouncil.org/fw/isab/members.htm.

ISRP Members

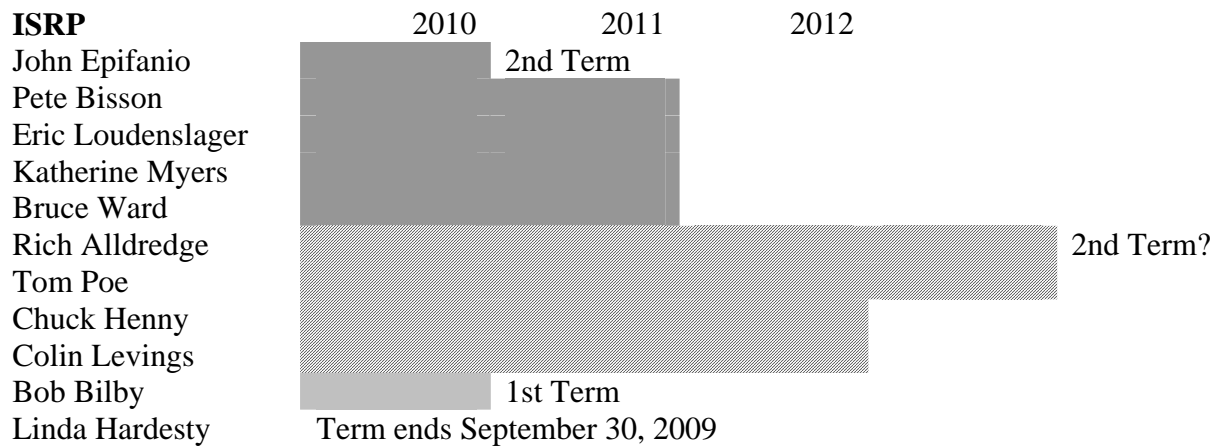
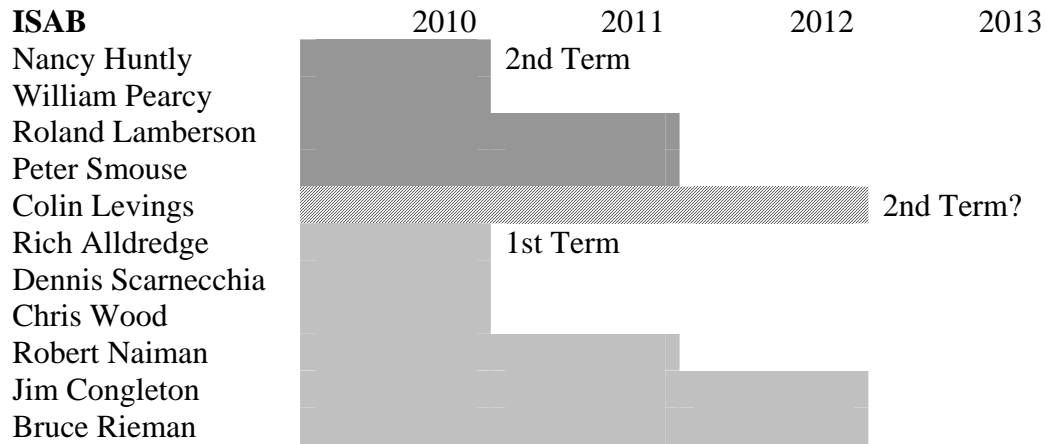
[Rich Alldredge](#), Ph.D., is a Professor of statistics at Washington State University. His statistical expertise allows him to participate in most ISRP reviews regardless of topic and to provide valuable comments on experimental design and monitoring and evaluation. He serves as the ISRP Vice-Chair and as an ISAB member and officer. He has participated as a peer reviewer for over a decade and has a comprehensive understanding of the Fish and Wildlife Program. A four-year term would sync his ISRP term with his ISAB term.

[Charles Henny](#), Ph.D., Emeritus Research Scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Corvallis, Oregon. His expertise in wildlife, especially birds of prey, and environmental toxicology has highlighted the emerging issue of toxics as a potential limiting factor in the Columbia River Basin. He was a lead reviewer of many wildlife projects. His knowledge of experimental design and research project implementation will be very valuable in the upcoming Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Category Review.

[Colin Levings](#), Ph.D., is a Scientist Emeritus and Sessional Researcher, Centre for Aquaculture and Environmental Research, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada. He serves on both the ISAB and ISRP. He is an estuary and marine environment expert, which is an increasingly important area of interest for the Fish and Wildlife Program and Biological Opinion, and a required area of expertise on the ISRP. He is an exceptionally consistent contributor to ISAB and ISRP reviews. He has led Council science-policy exchange discussions on estuary science and effectively reviewed projects outside the estuary including lamprey, sturgeon, and freshwater habitat restoration projects.

[Thomas P. Poe](#), M.S., is a Consulting Fisheries Scientist, an expert in behavioral ecology of fishes, formerly with the U.S. Geological Survey. He has been a lead reviewer of hydrosystem passage related research and work for the ISAB and ISRP. He has contributed on ISAB and ISRP reviews for over a decade and led the ISAB's latent mortality and non-native species reviews. His past experience as an ISRP reviewer of the Corps' Anadromous Fish Evaluation Program will be especially relevant in the upcoming Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Category Review. Scientists, such as Mr. Poe, with a lack of conflicts of interest and expertise in fish passage at Columbia River dams are hard to find. Thus, we recommend a four-year term.

Table of ISAB and ISRP Member Terms



Terms coincide with the fiscal year, from October 1 through September 30.

Greg Ruggerone will begin full membership on the ISAB with the next vacancy. He currently is serving as an ad hoc member for the ISAB’s food web review.