

Theodore R. Kulongoski
Governor



Oregon Global Warming Commission

House Bill 3543 created the Oregon Global Warming Commission. The bill states that the commission shall consist of 25 members, including 11 voting members appointed by the Governor and provides for 14 ex-officio nonvoting members, 11 of which are specified in the bill and three are appointed by the Governor. The Governor's 14 appointments are below and represent a diverse range of experts in the social, environmental, cultural and economic interests of the state. For more information about the bill, go to: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/asures/hb3500.dir/hb3543.en.html>

Angus Duncan will serve as Chair of the Commission. Angus has served as President and CEO of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation since its formation in 1998. The Foundation is a non-profit business venture that generates revenues from regional and national sales of renewable energy and carbon-offsetting Green Tags. Prior to BEF, Angus served on the Northwest Power Planning Council from 1989 to 1995. Angus previously worked on energy development in the private sector and as Director of Energy Policy for the US Department of Transportation. In 2004, Mr. Duncan chaired the Drafting Committee that wrote Oregon's Climate Change Strategy for Governor Kulongoski. In 2006 he chaired the Governor's Drafting Committee designing an Oregon load-based carbon emissions cap and trade mechanism.

Dr. Mark Abbott will serve as a vice-chair on the commission. He is Dean and Professor in the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University. He received his B.S. in Conservation of Natural Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1974 and his Ph.D. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis, in 1978. He has been at OSU since 1988 and has been Dean of the College since 2001. Dr. Abbott was appointed in 2005 by Governor Kulongoski as co-chair of the Climate Change Integration Group which has examined mitigation and adaptation strategies in response to climate change for both Oregon government and business. Dr. Abbott also was appointed in 2006 by the President to a six-year term on the National Science Board, which oversees the National Science Foundation and provides scientific advice to the White House and to Congress.

Jim Rue will serve as a vice-chair on the commission. Jim is employed by the R.B. Pamplin Corporation where he is responsible for the reclamation of Ross Island, energy efficiency, and general environmental compliance. He is the third generation of his family to own the original family farm in Silverton and recently completed eight years service on the Board of Agriculture. Prior to his return to Oregon in 1997, Rue served as the Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection where he chaired a market-based trading system to reduce air pollutants in a 37 state compliance region. Rue has a Masters of Forest Science and an MBA from Yale University.

Bill Bradbury is the Secretary of State. He served in the Oregon legislature for 14 years representing portions of Oregon's south coast as a State Representative and as a State Senator. He also held the positions of Senate Majority Leader and Senate President. Bill moved to Bandon Oregon in 1971 and operated a small business before beginning his career in government. Bill serves as the chair of the Oregon Sustainability Board and served on the Governor's 2004 Global Warming Advisory Group. Bill was one of the early participants in Vice President Al Gore's Climate Change training sessions and he already has given over 60 presentations on climate change in Oregon.

Bishop David Brauer-Riekie has been head of the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2007. Ordained in 1987, Rev. Brauer-Rieke served as pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Milton-Freewater, 1987-2005; and Atonement Lutheran, Newport, OR 2005-2007. The Oregon Synod includes more than 45,000 Lutherans who belong to more than 116 congregations and mission sites in the state of Oregon. Rev. Brauer-Rieke graduated from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in economics. In 1982 he earned a master of divinity degree from Luther Northwestern Theological Seminaries (now Luther Seminary), St. Paul, MN.

Matt Donegan is co-founder and co-president of Forest Capital Partners, a private forest landowner and leading grower of sustainably managed, certified timber products. Founded in 2000, Forest Capital Partners ranks among the largest private landowners in the United States, managing working forests in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Minnesota, Louisiana and Texas. Forest Capital Partners is the second largest private forest land owner in Oregon. Mr. Donegan is a professional forester who also earned an MBA with concentrations in forest industries management and finance. Matt previously co-founded a forest investment group in San Francisco and before that, he worked for the Hancock Timber Resource Group in Boston as an investment analyst and portfolio officer, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation in Atlanta as a forester and projects manager. Matt currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Oregon Business Council, Oregon Innovation Council, Oregon Forest Resources Institute and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Matt is a long-time member of several conservation organizations and a lifelong outdoor enthusiast.

Andrea Durbin is Executive Director of Oregon Environmental Council. Prior to that, she worked as an independent consultant based in Brussels for two years, and for over ten years as a senior manager for national environmental organizations in Washington, DC. She has published articles, testified before Congress and served as an NGO Representative on the US delegation to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. She received her degree from the University of Washington, and has completed Harvard's Executive Management Program.

Jill Eiland is the Oregon Corporate Affairs Manager for Intel Corporation, leading the media relations, government relations, community relations, and education outreach team for Intel's largest site and Oregon's largest employer. Prior to her arrival at Intel, Jill was Vice President of Corporate Communications for Knowledge Learning Corporation, the nation's leading private provider of early childhood care and education services. Jill grew up in Oregon, attended OSU, and worked as a legislative staffer and then lobbyist in Washington D.C. Jill also serves as an advisory board member for The Salvation Army and on the Oregon Workforce Investment Board.

Peggy Fowler is CEO and president of Portland General Electric (PGE), has more than 33 years of experience in the utility business and, in that time, has managed almost every major area of the company. Peggy earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from George Fox University in Newberg, Ore. She also has completed the specialized training offered in public utility executive programs at the University of Michigan and the University of Idaho. Peggy serves in several volunteer capacities including BlueShield of Oregon, SOLV Founders' Circle, and the Oregon Independent College Foundation. Since 2004, she has been an ambassador for the American Heart Association's "Go Red for Women" campaign.

Russ Hoeflich is Vice President and Oregon State Director of The Nature Conservancy, where he has worked for over twenty five years. Within The Conservancy, Russ also serves as a member of The Global Human Resources Cabinet and the lead sponsor of the Volunteerism Cabinet. Additionally, Russ serves on The World Forestry Center Board of Directors and is a member of the American Leadership Forum. He also serves on two government task forces: Oregon Board of Forestry-Federal Forestland Workgroup and Oregon Department of Forestry/Oregon Department of Energy Forest Biomass Workgroup; additionally, he serves on Oregon Business Council Forest Health Workgroup.

Gregg Kantor is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Northwest Natural Gas, the largest supplier of natural gas in Oregon. Gregg previously served in various roles with the gas company. Before that, Gregg worked for PGE and the Bonneville Power Administration, and served as Governor Goldschmidt's Communication Director. Gregg serves on a number of public organizations including the Oregon Business Council, the Portland Business Alliance and the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette Valley. Gregg has a masters in public planning from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Mel Kohn is Oregon's State Epidemiologist, and is the Administrator for the Office of Disease Prevention and Epidemiology in the Public Health Division of the Department of Human Services. In that role he oversees over 220 staff who work on a wide range of disease and injury control and prevention efforts. He served on the Governor's Climate Change Integration Group. Dr. Kohn received a BA from Yale College, an MD from Harvard Medical School and an MPH from Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is on the Executive Committee for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

Eric Lemelson owns and manages Lemelson Vineyards, a producer of Pinot Noir and other varietal wines located in Carlton, Oregon. He is also Treasurer and a Director of the Lemelson Foundation, a family foundation based in Portland. The Foundation supports invention and innovation for sustainable development in the United States and the developing world. Eric is a Board member of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the American Geophysical Union, and International Solar Electric Technology, a California-based photovoltaic manufacturer

Bill Wyatt has been the Executive Director of the Port of Portland since October of 2001. The Port operates the state's largest marine port and airport. Bill previously served as Chief of Staff to former Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber for seven years, preceded by six years as President of the Oregon Business Council, and five years as Executive Director of the Association for Portland Progress, then, Portland's downtown development association. Wyatt served as a state representative from the Astoria area from 1974 – 1977 and was born in Astoria.