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To: Environmental Quality Commission

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Purpose of item Commissioners will provide updates and input to the agency and commission on their recent activities or upcoming opportunities, and discuss the distribution of liaison roles among commissioners. Commissioners may formalize their liaison roles as part of this item.

Liaison roles To ensure collaborative work across agencies, the EQC has established several formal liaison relationships with other Oregon boards and commissions, including:

- Oregon Board of Forestry
- Oregon Board of Agriculture
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (statutory voting role)

Recently, DEQ has reconvened its Internal Audit Committee, and the chair position of that agency committee is assigned to a commissioner.

Each of the four liaison roles is unique; however, in each case, the EQC commissioner serving the role is a critical connection, and in the case of the Internal Audit Committee a source of formal oversight, to the work of the partner agencies. In each case, the EQC commissioner is expected to attend relevant portions of the other entities' meetings, with support provided by DEQ commission staff in collaboration with the partner agency, if applicable.

EQC involvement This agenda item is a regular opportunity for commissioners to share about their activities between commission meetings.