

ADVISORY BOARD

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Preamble:

The Faculty of the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries seeks excellence in programs of teaching, research and extension. Our vision is to be recognized nationally and internationally as a premier university research, teaching, and outreach department focusing on the natural resource disciplines. Our mission is “to advance the science and sustainable management of natural resources to promote their health, utilization, and appreciation in Tennessee, the region, and beyond through programs in teaching, research and extension.” To accomplish this challenge the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries will establish and maintain an FWF Advisory Board.

Purposes of the Advisory Board:

To provide the department head and faculty with advice and counsel related to forestry, wildlife, and fisheries issues.

To provide leadership and assistance in securing the resources needed by the department to achieve excellence in its programs.

To advocate for the department with public and private agencies/industry/groups and the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and Knoxville administration.

Formation, Composition and Structure of the Advisory:

The Board will be comprised of approximately 20 members appointed by the department head, including the following ex-officio members: the State Forester, the Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and the Director of the Tennessee Forestry Association.

Members, with the exception of the ex-officio members, will serve three year terms, but may serve additional, and/or consecutive, terms if desired. If a member misses two consecutive years of the annual board meeting, and is inactive for those two years, their membership is automatically suspended, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

A Chair shall be chosen by the members of the advisory board to serve a two-year term. After the first year of the Chair’s term, a Chair-elect shall be chosen, who would then automatically become Chair the following year.

A four-person executive committee shall be comprised of the chair of the advisory board, a second advisory board member chosen by the Chair, the department head, and a faculty member designated by the department head. The executive committee will meet as needed to help steer the board’s agenda, meeting logistics, and to review recommendations made by the board and the department, as well as related actions. The executive committee will oversee and coordinate any subcommittees created by the board.

The FWF Advisory Board will meet each year with the faculty and students of the department. Subcommittees of the board shall meet as needed throughout the year.

Subcommittees of the board can be formed to address specific topics, as needed. Generally five or fewer members appointed by the Chair constitute a subcommittee. A subcommittee's task is to be clearly defined by the board as a whole.