# ODFW Budget 101

An overview of Oregon’s complex fish and wildlife conservation funding

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<td><strong>Funding Amount:</strong></td>
<td>Revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses that is NOT earmarked to a specific purpose.</td>
<td>Federal funding from contracts, and excise taxes on the purchase of firearms, ammo, and fishing gear.</td>
<td>Funding from other state agencies, non-government organizations, or other groups/individuals.</td>
<td>Revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses earmarked for specific purposes.</td>
<td>General tax revenue from the State of Oregon.</td>
<td>State lottery revenue constitutionally dedicated to specific natural resources functions.</td>
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<td><strong>Explanation:</strong></td>
<td>Funds ODFW’s general operations. By state and federal law, it can only be spent on fish and wildlife management. This funding is also the primary source of required state match needed to receive federal funds.</td>
<td>Federal contract revenue is received for specific work performed. Revenue from excise taxes is received as an annual apportionment, which ODFW must match with nonfederal funds at a 3:1 ratio. License funds are the primary source of this match.</td>
<td>Revenue is received for specific purposes. The purpose is agreed to in contracts or specified in statute. Indirect revenue associated with work performed under federal contracts also comes to ODFW as Obligated Funds.</td>
<td>Programs are earmarked by Oregon statute for a specific purpose and funding can only be spent on that purpose.</td>
<td>Funding can come with purposes specified by the Legislature. Or, funds general fish and wildlife management, including programs not appropriate for ODFW’s other revenue sources.</td>
<td>Measure 76 funding is designated to protect land and water, restore and maintain habitats, maintain biodiversity, and for water quality, restoration and flow projects.</td>
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| **Examples:** | • Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Enforcement  
• Game Damage program  
• District biologists  
• Administration of hunting and fishing license sales  
• Public information and outreach | • Fish and wildlife biologists  
• Fish hatcheries  
• Fish and wildlife population survey and inventory  
• Angler and hunter access  
• Hunter and angler education  
• Operation and maintenance of facilities | • Hatchery production  
• Mitigation projects  
• Restoration and recovery projects | • Upland game bird habitat  
• Commercial fisheries mgmt.  
• Fish restoration and enhancement  
• Hunting access and habitat mgmt.  
• Recreational shellfish mgmt.  
• Game species mgmt. | • Habitat programs  
• OR Conservation Strategy  
• Water program  
• Marine Resources  
• Fish management  
• Hatchery production  
• General administration | • Native fish conservation  
• Wildlife conservation |
| **Funding Amount:** | $156.5 million | $44.3 million Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program  
$115.0 million other federal | $76.9 million | $42.4 million | $47.0 million | $6.8 million |
| **% of ODFW Budget:** | 32.0% | 32.6% | 15.7% | 8.7% | 9.6% | 1.4% |
| **Implications of budget cuts to this category:** | Programs that are funded by license revenue would be cut. For every $1 of license funding cut that are match for federal funds, an additional $3 of federal funding would be cut. | Programs funded by federal contracts would be cut. Cuts to WSFR-funded programs mean Oregonians will still pay the excise taxes, but not receive any benefit. Every $3 cut of WSFR funding will only save $1 of license funding. | Cutting this spending has no impact on License-funded programs. | Requires a change in statute to spend funding for a different purpose. Cutting this spending has no impact on License-funded programs. | Cutting this spending has no impact on License-funded programs. | Cutting this spending has no impact on License-funded programs. |