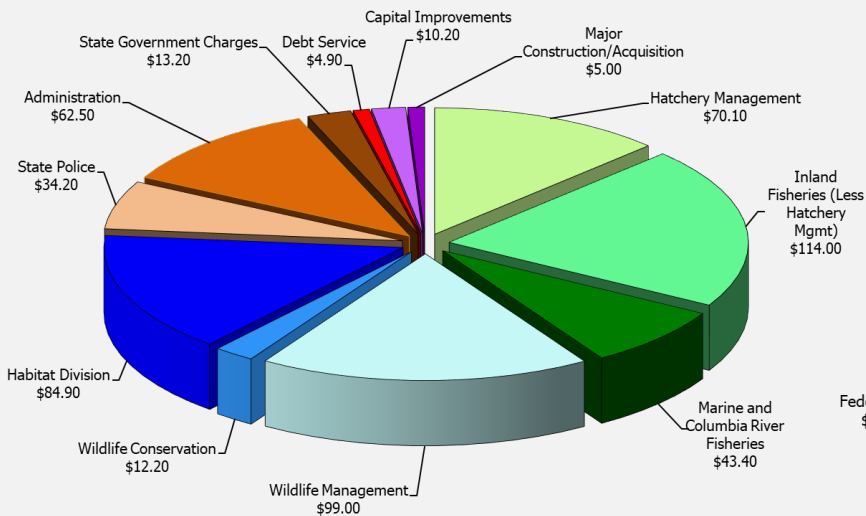


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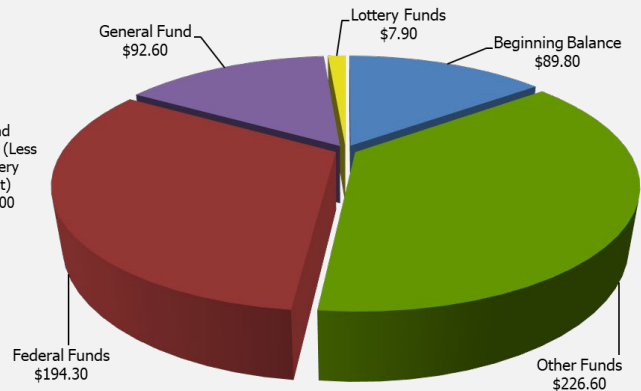
2023-25 Agency Request Budget

	2023-25 Agency Request	2021-23 Legislatively Adopted
General Fund	\$ 92,571,252	\$ 47,048,729
Lottery Funds	\$ 7,728,006	\$ 6,768,156
Other Funds	\$ 259,018,197	\$ 229,202,692
Federal Funds	\$ 194,343,476	\$ 159,336,429
Total Funds	\$ 553,660,931	\$ 442,355,556
Positions	1,409	1,364
Full-Time Equivalent	1,219.58	1,168.47

2023-25 Expenditures in Millions
\$553,660,931



2023-25 Revenue in Millions
\$611,294,495



The mission of the **Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife** is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats for use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

Agency Legislative Concepts

Fish and Wildlife Commission Appointments and Meeting Location: This legislative concept would adjust the Fish and Wildlife Commission statutes to be consistent with recent changes in Oregon congressional districts. The concept retains seven Commissioners total, removing the specifications around congressional district location and instead specifying that at least two members must reside east of Cascades. Other links to congressional districts in terms of Commission meeting locations would also be removed from statute.

CPI Indexing of License and Other Fees: For a majority of its license and other fees, ODFW must seek legislative approval to increase fees to ensure current service levels are met. This legislation would amend statute to allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to align license, tag, and other product pricing to the Consumer Pricing Index through a public rulemaking process.

Sunset and Modifications to Sensitive Species Public Disclosure Law: HB 2841 passed in 2019 to allow ODFW to refuse disclosure of information about sensitive species under public disclosure laws if the data could be used to harm species. The department has been working closely with the Department of Justice to implement the 2019 statute and has identified several challenges associated with the current language. This legislation would address those issues by amending ORS 496 to 1) remove the requirement of a disclosure or confidentiality agreement for certain public entities and other partners and 2) delete the duplicative review process of contested cases through the Attorney General and the Court of Appeals. This legislation would also extend the sunset date of the department's authority to refuse disclosure of sensitive information from 2024 through 2029.

Schedule of Damages: In January each year, the Fish and Wildlife Commission must establish the average market value for each species of food fish for the year. These values are referred to as the "schedule of damages," and are intended to be used to assess damages in commercial fishing violations where the agency seeks civil damages for unlawful taking, possession, or killing of food fish. Creating this schedule of damages based on previous year's average market value takes a significant amount of time to compile and present to the commission for approval. The time lag and annual process also results in values that do not reflect current market values. This legislation would allow ODFW to use fair market value as defined in administrative rule by the Commission to assess damages under ORS 506.720(3) or pay anyone from who fish were seized but not subsequently forfeited under ORS 506.690(3).

Fish Screening Devices, By-pass Devices or Fishways Tax Credit: Fish screens, by-pass devices, and fishways are all solutions to protect and restore fish populations where unscreened diversions or barriers exist. Oregon Statute (ORS 315.138) provides a tax credit for taxpayers that install screening devices, by-pass devices or fishways, equal to 50 percent of the taxpayer's net certified costs up to a maximum of \$5,000 per device. The tax credit in its original form was adopted in statute in 1993 and has since been maintained through multiple sunset extensions (2009, 2011, 2017). This tax credit is again scheduled to sunset in 2024. This legislation would extend the sunset on the program.

2023-25 Policy Option Packages

Included in Agency Request Budget

Number	Policy Option Package Title	Division	# of Pos.	FTE	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
101	Fish Passage Position	Inland Fisheries	0	0.00	236,862		(206,862)		30,000
102	Habitat Division Policy and Operations	Habitat / Administration	4	4.00	1,797,102		(242,131)		1,554,971
103	OR Conservation Strategy Implementation	WL Conservation	4	4.00	236,862	710,587			947,449
104	Marine Life Entanglement	Marine & Columbia River	1	1.00	378,862				378,862
105	Private Forest Accord Data Coordination	Habitat/Wildlife/Admin	1	1.00	20,354,000		12,000,000		32,354,000
106	Columbia River Fisheries Analyst	Marine & Columbia River	1	1.00	231,862				231,862
107	Integrated Water Resource Solutions	Habitat	3	3.00	463,725		231,862		695,587
108	Good Neighbor Authority Coordinators	Habitat	3	3.00	248,044			501,811	749,855
109	Klamath Salmon Restoration Monitoring	Inland Fisheries	3	3.00	833,643				833,643
110	Statewide Stream Temperature Monitoring	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00	393,302				393,302
111	Enhancing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Administration	2	2.00	561,102				561,102
112	Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund	Habitat	1	1.00	3,000,000		3,267,131		6,267,131
113	Wildlife Coexistence Program	Wildlife Mgmt / Admin	6	6.00	2,077,403				2,077,403
114	Climate Change Policy Implementation	Fish/Wildlife/Habitat/Admin	6	6.00	1,753,673				1,753,673
115	Chronic Wasting Disease Testing	Wildlife Management	10	7.03	1,220,489		97,730	242,739	1,560,958
116	Cultural and Historic Resource Specialist	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00	131,297		131,297		262,594
117	Climate and Habitat Communication	Administration	1	1.00	323,509				323,509
118	Non-Native Fish Management	Inland Fisheries	2	1.50	340,458				340,458
119	Klamath Salmon Restoration Coordinator	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00		151,468	151,468		302,936
120	OCS Farm Bill Biologists	Habitat	5	5.00		199,052		793,225	992,277
121	Minam River Wildlife Area Acquisition	Wildlife Management	0	0.00				9,755,000	9,755,000
122	Mule Deer Coordinator	Wildlife Management	1	1.00			59,216	177,053	236,269
123	Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Biologist	Wildlife Management	1	1.00			47,730	142,739	190,469
124	Salmonid Forecasting and Habitat Models	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00				243,678	243,678
125	Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Monitoring	Inland Fisheries	3	1.04			163,793		163,793
126	Deferred Maintenance - Phase 3	Major Const./Acq.	3	3.00			5,000,000		5,000,000
127	Debt Service for Deferred Maintenance	Debt Service	0	0.00	459,375		95,000		554,375
128	Human Resources Analyst	Administration	1	1.00			265,217		265,217
129	Upgrade ODFW .dfw Website	Administration	2	2.00			546,101		546,101
130	Fish Passage Restoration - Culverts	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00			272,933		272,933
131	Boardman-Hemingway Project Coordination	Habitat	1	1.00			231,862		231,862
132	Procurement and Contract Specialist	Administration	1	1.00			233,509		233,509
133	Cyber Security Analyst	Administration	1	1.00			208,084		208,084
134	Jubilee Lake Dam Repair	Inland Fisheries	0	0.00	3,007,000				3,007,000
135	North Canal Fish Screen	Inland Fisheries	0	0.00	2,000,000				2,000,000
136	Wildlife Regional Programs Alignment	Wildlife Management	2	2.41			(17,172)		(17,172)
137	Stop Poaching General Fund Transfer	Administration	0	0.00	(828,613)				(828,613)
138	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	Fish/Wildlife/Habitat	0	0.00				21,695,854	21,695,854
			74	68.98	39,219,957	1,061,107	22,536,768	33,552,099	96,369,931

Thank you for your support of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2023-25 budget