

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Act, adopted in 1989 and re-authorized through 2009, directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) to restore Oregon's fisheries. The program is funded from a surcharge on all sport fishing licenses and commercial salmon permit and poundage fees. A seven-member Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board reviews all projects and provides recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) for project funding.

The R&E Board recommended 36 projects plus the R&E Program administration budget (see Attachment 4) totaling \$2,191,433 be approved for funding at their May 29, 2009 meeting in Newport.

This is the first cycle of proposals for the 2009-2011 biennium. If the Commission adopts the Board's recommendations, \$2,191,433 of the \$5,200,000 estimated R&E program limitation for the 2009-2011 biennium will be allocated.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

R&E Board meetings are open to the public and are "public meetings" under the Oregon Public Meetings laws. Notice of upcoming meetings is provided to interested persons, advertised in the R&E/STEP publication "FishWorks," listed on the department's website and distributed to statewide and local media.

ISSUE 1

PROJECT AND PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ANALYSIS

A summary of all projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachment 2).

OPTIONS

Option 1. Approve R&E Board recommendations.

Option 2. Reject individual projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board (with the following exceptions...)

EFFECTIVE DATE

June 5, 2009.