

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Act, adopted in 1989 and re-authorized through 2019, directed 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 (Board) reviews all projects and provides recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) for project funding.

The R&E Board recommended 16 projects for funding, totaling \$550,070 at their February 3rd meeting in Salem.

This is the fourth cycle of proposals for the 2011-2013 biennium. If the Commission adopts the Board's recommendations, \$3,499,844 of the \$5,847,548 estimated R&E program limitation for the 2011-2013 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 website and distributed to statewide and local media.

ISSUE 1

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ANALYSIS

A summary of all projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachments 2-4).

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

March 9th, 2012.