

**RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT (R&E) PROJECT APPROVALS:
PROJECT SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

2021-2023 Biennium – Cycle 4 of 4

The R&E Board met in person on September 22, 2022, in Newport Or. During the meeting, the Board recommended funding all five of the project proposals that were submitted. Four Board member votes are required to pass a project funding recommendation; six of seven board members attended this meeting.

This attachment includes a summary of the recommended projects and Board review. Copies of applications are available on the R&E Grant Application Website <https://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/RE/> by selecting cycle 21-4. The R&E Board recommends funding the following projects:

Enhancement	
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Project Number:	21-032
Project Title:	R&E Construction Equipment
Project Type:	Habitat & Angling Enhancement
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Headquarters
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 104,422
Other Funds:	\$ 0.00

Total Project Cost: \$ 104,422.00

Project Summary

Purchase of Bobcat compact track loader with implements and diesel transfer tank for R&E work truck. Includes buckets, grapple, brushcat (mower), and augers. This will reduce equipment rental costs for all future projects.

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 0N

The Board unanimously supported the project after discussions to clarify where the equipment would be stored and who would operate the equipment.

Project Number:	21-034
Project Title:	Wallowa River Fishery Evaluation, Phase 1
Project Type:	Aquatic Inventory
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Wallowa District
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 54,160.00
Other Funds:	\$ 122,400.00 (ODFW \$64,000.00, Lower Snake River Compensation Plan \$58,400.00)

Total Project Cost: \$ 176,560.00

Project Summary

This project purchases equipment and supplies that will be used for a comprehensive investigation of the Wallowa River recreational fishery, and fishery community with wide ranging benefits for management, anglers, and conservation.

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 0N

The Board unanimously supported the project.

Project Number: 21-035
 Project Title: Quillback Rockfish Survey Equipment
 Project Type: Aquatic Inventory
 Sponsor: Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Newport
 Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
 Funds Requested: \$ 59,000.00
 Other Funds: \$ 39,100.00 (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission)
Total Project Cost: \$ 98,100.00

Project Summary

A recent determination of overfishing of quillback rockfish has reduced angler opportunity. ODFW's ability to assess the shallow rocky habitat associated species is threatened by aging equipment. This project would fund survey equipment to support continued video surveys and oceanographic data collection, both important in tracking populations of harvested species.

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 0N

The Board supported the project after discussions related to the need for additional equipment in the future. Additional equipment may be eligible for future funding. Board was concerned that the new tracking system would be compatible with existing equipment, the applicant stated that yes, the new equipment is compatible with the old equipment.

Project Number: 21-036
 Project Title: St. Louis Ponds Pump Replacement
 Project Type: Access
 Sponsor: Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Clackamas
 Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
 Funds Requested: \$ 150,000.00
 Other Funds: \$ 51,520.00 (\$50,000 Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, \$1520 North Willamette Watershed Administration)
Total Project Cost: \$ 201,520.00

Project Summary

The 50-year-old pump at ODFW's St. Louis Fishing Ponds needs to be replaced. This pump provides irrigation to the 7 public fishing ponds during the summer and fall. The replacement pump ensures that the appropriate water levels will be maintained to provide for fish health, ecological services, and angling opportunities.

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 0N

The Board unanimously supported the project.

Restoration

Project Number:	21-033
Project Title:	Hatchery Project Bundle
Project Type:	Hatcheries
Sponsor:	ODFW - HQ
Enhancement/Restoration:	Restoration
Funds Requested:	\$ 358,000.00
Other Funds:	\$ 0.00
Total Project Cost:	\$ 358,000.00

Project Summary

Nehalem - Obtain funding for phase 1 of project to conduct Geotechnical study and repair 6 ponds and return to operable condition. Geotechnical study will outline Phase 2 which will likely address replacement of 8 ponds. (\$218,000)

Elk River - Obtain new and updated operable fish pump (\$70,000)

Gnat Creek - Obtain new and updated operable fish pump (\$70,000)

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 0N

Project was unanimously approved with very limited discussion.