

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 10% REDUCTION OPTIONS (ORS 291.216)

Prioritized List of Program Reductions by Fund Type - 2025-27 Budget

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	Which program or activity will not be undertaken.	Describe the effects of this reduction.				
10% General Fund Reductions			21	19.33	GF	\$ 6,177,920
1	Anti-Poaching Initiative, Advertising, and Outreach	Eliminates funding for Advertising and Outreach Campaign for anti-poaching. Reduces General Fund for position and services and supplies related to Stop Poaching Campaign administration and contracting. Position would be funded with General Fund and USFWS-Pittman Robertson funding and would support anti-poaching and hunter education efforts. This would not affect enforcement funding for Oregon State Police. General Fund reductions in this program would be used to support agencywide website redesign and development. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	0	0.0	GF	670,852
2	Land Resources Program	Eliminates services and supplies funding in the Agricultural Ditch Maintenance program. General Fund reduction would be used to support capacity in the Klamath Basin.	0	0.0	GF	46,815
3	Habitat Regional Operations	Eliminates services and supplies funding associated with one Private Forest Accord Stream Biologist from southeastern Oregon where the private forestland activities are fewer. Remaining S&S across other positions would be redistributed, if needed. General Fund reduction would be used to support capacity in Klamath Basin.	0	0.0	GF	25,000
4	Marine Reserves	Reduces budget for marine reserve sampling (biological, ecological, and environmental) but maintains ability to develop a marine reserves adaptive management plan, maintain community engagement, and utilize social monitoring. General Fund reduction would be used to create a wind energy coordinator.	0	0.0	GF	261,901
5	Native Fish	Fish Research, Evaluation, Data, and Decision support (REDD). This reduction would remove the Department's ability to collect and manage stream temperature data, which is necessary to understand and reduce the effects of climate change on fish populations, and make management decisions to reduce those impacts to fish and fisheries.	1	1.0	GF	332,464
6	Native Fish	Coastal Chinook Research and Monitoring Project (CCRMP). Reduces General Fund from three positions and replaces with federal funding from NOAA-Pacific Salmon Commission. General Fund reduction would eliminate flexibility around research and monitoring of Coastal Chinook salmon. Federal funds for this program are tied to annual congressional appropriation decisions which could be reduced in future years. Program is a core need for providing information needed to manage Chinook fisheries in Oregon coastal rivers and the ocean. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	0	0.00	GF	157,881
7	Land Resources Program	Eliminates one position that implements HB 2437 (Agricultural Ditch Maintenance), however the program has not been active. This position also supports tax incentive programs (WHCMP, RLTIP).	1	1.0	GF	312,464
8	Private Forest Accord GIS Analyst	Eliminates position. Would impact the statutory requirement for Private Forest Accord reducing coordination with numerous ODFW staff, including PFA information systems specialists, business analysts, field staff and Habitat Division staff to ensure ODFW business and ODF business operations are adequately supported. Additionally, coordination with contractor staff and ODF staff to prepare and deliver fish presence/fish habitat data to ODF would be impacted.	1	1.0	GF	277,672

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9	PFA Beaver Management	Eliminates one beaver habitat biologist position and associated services and supplies. The workload originally anticipated for the PFA Beaver Biologist positions has not been recognized, although they are able to contribute to beaver-related restoration work. The workload associated with this reduction would be transferred to other PFA biologists.	1	1.0	GF	235,411
10	Habitat Regional Operations	Eliminates one Private Forest Accord Stream Biologist from southeastern Oregon where the private forestland activities are fewer and demand for ODFW review of landowner survey information has not materialized. Geographies for remaining stream biologists would be re-drawn and surrounding positions would assume this position's workload.	1	1.0	GF	301,805
11	Ocean Acidification	Eliminates ODFW's ability to participate in the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia.	1	1.0	GF	231,503
12	Habitat Division Administration	Eliminates administrative support for the Private Forest Accord and Oregon Conservation Fund programs. Workload associated with grant management and contract tracking, and administration would fall to the Grant Coordinators.	1	1.0	GF	145,786
13	Predator Control: Wildlife Services	Reduces the contribution to the predatory animal, rabbit and rodent control fund. Moneys within this fund are combined with funds from the Oregon Department of Agriculture and used as part of the overall cost-share with USDA – Wildlife Services and participating Oregon Counties to assist with controlling agriculture damage caused by predatory animals.	0	0.0	GF	429,688
14	Wolf Program S&S	Reduces services and supplies funding related to the wolf program. The impact of this reduction would be reduced funding to support collaring and monitoring efforts for Oregon's wolf populations.	0	0.0	GF	61,647
15	Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division	Reduces available funding for anti-poaching enforcement efforts. Reduction would result in loss of 0.5 Trooper FTE in the Fish and Wildlife Division of Oregon State Police working in the field to provide enforcement of fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws that protect natural resources in Oregon.	0	0.0	GF	297,324
16	Native Fish	Life Cycle Monitoring (LCM). Eliminating this position would require the Winchester Creek Life Cycle Monitoring site, which has produced long-term data, to be closed and reduce the functionality of the West Fork Smith River LCM site (both in the Umpqua). This will impact the ability to monitor long-term watershed restoration benefits and the ability to verify the accuracy of decisions around coastal coho harvest (which may reduce the frequency of holding these fisheries).	1	1.0	GF	301,805
17	Native Fish	Eliminating this services and supplies funding would reduce capacity to conduct monitoring in the Rogue related to the approved Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP). This will impact the Department's ability to provide harvest opportunity on winter steelhead.	0	0.0	GF	68,000
18	Rock Creek Hatchery	Closes Rock Creek Hatchery. This will reduce or eliminate fisheries on hatchery spring chinook, summer steelhead and trout in the Umpqua basin.	2	2.0	GF	396,160
19	Pinnipeds	This reduction would only leave two pinniped positions remaining which would severely limit ability to address pinniped monitoring, management/removals, and research.	5	3.75	GF	792,643
20	Water Quality and Quantity Program	Eliminates three positions: a Water Planning Coordinator, Water Program BSA, Coldwater BSA. There would be loss of capacity for new instream flow studies and the coldwater refugia identification project. This would also reduce services and supplies related to a contract with USGS for streamflow gauges.	3	2.58	GF	555,676

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21	Central Point Screen Shop	Eliminates three positions from the Central Point Screen Shop. Reduction would have direct implications to ODFW's statutory mandate. Similarly, this reduction would directly reduce the agency's Key Performance Measure (KPM #6) which tracks the decrease in number of unscreened water diversions and the number of unscreened priority water diversions. This reduction would also limit the number of screens on water diversions in the Klamath Basin impacting the recent dam removal projects and limit the number of screens installed and maintained in the Rogue Basin and other locations in SW Oregon. The entire Screens program would also forego work on non-anadromous projects without General Fund.	3	3.0	GF	257,794
22	Emergency Hatchery Maintenance	Reduces the Emergency Hatchery Maintenance fund which provides emergency repairs/maintenance for ODFW's state-funded hatcheries.	0	0.0	GF	17,629
10% Lottery Funds Reductions			6	3.86	LF	\$ 875,765
1	Native Fish	Fish Research, Evaluation, Data, and Decision support (REDD). Eliminating these positions would reduce the capacity to conduct research on the effect of stream temperature on native fish, which is necessary to implement protective angling regulations necessary to conserve native fish populations as environmental conditions change. This will also reduce ODFW's capacity to analyze data to inform fish and fishing management decisions. Data analysis is a key need for management decisions as native fish populations become more limited and stressed with changing climate.	3	2.0	LF	398,946
2	Native Fish	Conservation & Recovery (ESA/STP). Eliminating this position would reduce ODFW's capacity to issue scientific, educational, and rescue permits for fish, as well as meet permit requirements placed on the agency and other entities in the state under the federal Endangered Species Act. The loss of this capacity will administratively impact work benefiting Oregon fish resources. Additionally, ODFW's ability to centrally administer and permit projects funded by USFWS Sport Fish Restoration dollars will be largely eliminated.	1	1.0	LF	312,464
3	Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS) Planning	Reduces services and supplies funding related to conservation actions/strategies identified in the OCS that are implemented by ODFW staff, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public. This program facilitates conservation by identifying and developing partnerships for implementing the OCS, identifying priority fish and wildlife conservation needs and providing a process for reviewing and updating the OCS.	0	0.0	LF	49,174
4	Native Fish	Native Fish Investigations (NFI). Eliminating these positions would reduce capacity to conduct research on native trout, lamprey, and non-game species that allows for the conservation of these species, prevents listing under the Endangered Species Act (or improves their status if already on the list), and improves fisheries.	2	0.86	LF	115,181
10% Other Funds Reductions			80	70.29	OF	\$ 28,025,749
1	Regional Administration	Eliminates one regional administrative staff. Reduces region's ability to respond to customer service needs regarding fisheries. This reduction is associated with adding capacity in the Klamath Basin.	1	1.0	OF	215,447
2	Information Systems Division	Eliminates two positions and reduces services & supplies budgets. Reduction would impact modernization efforts of internal application development and shift efforts from enhancements to maintaining only existing software applications. The quality of production code is dependent on good functional requirement documentation that is produced by the Business Analyst and verified by the QA Analyst before errors are introduced to production releases. Overall, application development projects will be delayed, suspended, or cancelled.	2	2.0	OF	1,350,468

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3	Administrative Services Division	<p>Eliminates six positions and reduces services & supplies budgets.</p> <p>With the reductions, there would be less seasonal flexibility for customer service coverage and less administrative/clerical support in licensing. The ability to process payments to external vendors will be reduced, increasing risks of delinquent payments. Oversight and monitoring of real property will be reduced, increasing compliance risks with federal grantors and increasing deferred maintenance risks with agency real property. The ability to take on enterprise wide projects and efficiency/modernization efforts will be greatly reduced.</p> <p>Positions: Seasonal positions in Licensing provide flexibility to accommodate increased workload associated with timing of controlled hunt draws, mandatory reporting, and other seasonal high impact tasks associated with ODFW's licenses and tags. The Licensing Office Specialist provides administrative and clerical support to the Licensing work unit including depositing checks, ordering supplies, and other internal support duties. These duties will be redistributed amongst other customer service and administrative support staff in Licensing. The Accounts Payable Technician processes payments to external vendors and expense claims to internal staff and volunteers. These duties will be redistributed to other Accounts Payable staff within the Disbursements program. The Real Property Manager oversees inventory and management of ODFW's real property, including building conditions, and provides recommendations to regional leadership on deferred maintenance cost and priorities. This capacity would be lost or passed off to regional/field level managers spread throughout ODFW's portfolio of 80+ facilities/campuses. The Project Manager 2 oversees projects impacting enterprise functions or projects that impact a wide array of ODFW programs. The capacity to take on new projects and the ability to complete complex projects in support of agency business operations will be reduced in half.</p>	6	4.79	OF	2,313,624
4	Director's Office - Budget and Economics Program	Eliminates three positions and reduces services & supplies budgets. Reduction would reduce the department's ability to provide financial and economic analysis and information; and it would reduce administrative support for customers. A portion of this reduction would be used to support capacity for public records response efforts.	3	3.0	OF	961,681
5	Oregon Hatchery Research Center	Closes the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. Will eliminate Department's ability to provide dedicated hatchery infrastructure for research that supports the OHRC mission. May reduce effectiveness.	3	3.0	OF	1,253,756
6	Predator Control	Eliminate program to address concerns caused by bear, cougar, furbearers, and wolves. This reduction would result in reduced services or assistance to landowners for addressing damage caused by bear, cougar, furbearers, and wolves.	0	0.0	OF	138,217
7	Human Resources Division	Eliminates two positions and reduces services & supplies budgets, which would result in a reduction of professional level response to safety issues for managers, employees, and the public, as well as HR support for employees.	2	2.0	OF	707,288
8	Information and Education Division	Eliminates four positions and reduces services & supplies budgets. Reduction would limit the amount of information the department can provide to to the public in a timely and effective manner.	4	4.0	OF	831,540
9	Landowner Technical Assistance	Reduce the program which provides assistance to landowners for enhancement of private property for fish and wildlife habitat. This funding is currently used for wildlife habitat projects for numerous species, including mule deer. This reduces the Department's ability to proactively provide financial support to these types of projects.	0	0.0	OF	865,846

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10	Damage, Green Forage & DEAR	Eliminate programs to assists landowners with habitat improvement. This program also assists landowners with damage issues. Reduction in this program would impact the Department's ability to address damage impacts and support implementation of the Mule Deer Plan.	0	0.0	OF	348,870
11	Dedicated & Obligated Accounts: AISPP and Tax Check-off	Reduce the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) team that conducts watercraft inspections, provides public education and outreach, and implements other related activities to protect Oregon against aquatic invasive species. This would also eliminate expenditure limitation related to the Nongame Wildlife Fund (tax check-off), which helps conserve the state's wildlife and their habitats.	14	8.0	OF	1,627,621
12	Habitat Division Administration	Reduces expenditure limitation related to the Private Forest Accord program reducing the grant funds available to support projects that benefit the fish and aquatic wildlife species and habitats.	0	0.0	OF	242,124
13	Hydropower Program	Eliminate 10 positions in the hydro program. This would exacerbate fish and wildlife losses at existing and new hydropower facilities. Department would lose ability to participate in licensing and relicensing with WRD and FERC. This would also reduce the capacity for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation.	10	10.0	OF	2,613,298
14	Game Management - Wildlife Management	Reduce aerial surveys of big game that collect information on population and distribution trends for big game species.	0	0.0	OF	359,631
15	Access & Habitat	Reduce the Access and Habitat program project expenditure limitation. This program funds projects that provide access for hunting and/or improve habitat for wildlife. A reduction in this program would reduce the number of habitat restoration projects and access projects that the program can implement.	0	0.0	OF	1,148,234
16	Regional Administration	Eliminates four regional administrative staff. Reduces regions ability to respond to customer service needs regarding fisheries.	4	2.75	OF	519,190
17	Native Fish	Upper Willamette Monitoring. This program supports monitoring in the Willamette Basin and Sandy River for native salmon and steelhead, which are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. This work informs recovery status and delisting decisions, helps set fishing regulations, and is required to support hatchery programs.	0	0.0	OF	18,000
18	Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division	Reduces the ability of the Fish and Wildlife Division of Oregon State Police to enforce fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws to protect natural resources in Oregon. Reduction would result in loss of 8 Trooper FTE in the Fish and Wildlife Division of Oregon State Police working in the field to provide enforcement.	0	0.0	OF	3,269,073
19	Rock Creek Hatchery	Closes Rock Creek Hatchery. This will reduce or eliminate fisheries on hatchery spring chinook, summer steelhead and trout in the Umpqua basin.	2	2.0	OF	666,300
20	Salmon River Hatchery	Closes Salmon River Hatchery. Eliminates fall Chinook, coho, rainbow trout, and summer steelhead production. Salmon River Hatchery fall Chinook are one of two exploitation rate indicator stocks for the Oregon coast under the US/Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	3	3.0	OF	901,493
21	Alsea Hatchery	Closes Alsea Hatchery. Eliminates winter steelhead and rainbow trout production.	4	4.0	OF	1,297,777

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22	Native Fish	John Day Chinook Escapement. Limits the agency's ability to assess the impact of the hydroelectric system along the Columbia River and the Snake River and provide fishery opportunity. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	1	1.0	OF	257,665
23	Native Fish	Coastal Adult Surveys. Program provides information needed to manage coho and Chinook fisheries in Oregon coastal rivers and the ocean. Eliminating this will reduce fishing opportunities on these species. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	5	5.0	OF	1,019,432
24	Nearshore	Eliminates one position which would reduce the agency's ability to review permits for ocean and estuary development and implement Oregon's Nearshore Strategy and components of Oregon's Conservation Strategy. Would also reduce the department's ability to participate in management of coastal pelagic species.	1	1.0	OF	337,464
25	Columbia River	Eliminates four positions in the Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program associated with Willamette River Fisheries Monitoring. This would severely reduce the Department's ability to develop regulations, monitor Endangered Species Act impact limits, manage harvest, and prosecute fisheries in the lower Willamette River, one of Oregon's most popular recreational fisheries in Oregon's most densely populated area.	4	2.96	OF	473,168
26	Statewide Operations	Eliminates one Fish Division deputy and Fish Division Business and Operations Manager. Reduces ability to develop and implement fish and hatchery management policy, respond to litigation, implement fisheries and conservation actions, respond to customer inquiries, manage commercial fisheries, and develop and track budgets. Commercial fish funds and rec shellfish funds from eliminated positions would be shifted to the Fish Division Administrator and remaining deputy (replacing license funding) to align with the work that they would need to do.	2	2.0	OF	841,615
27	District Biologists	Eliminates seven Assistant District biologists and two positions performing fisheries-related field work. Reduces fisheries management, data-informed decision-making, and customer service throughout Oregon. Would likely result in loss of fishery opportunity and restoration/protection of habitat. Reduction item requires a position budget fund shift to implement.	9	8.75	OF	2,209,650
28	Capital Improvements	Reduces the agency's ability to undertake major improvements to agency capital assets. Reduces the Restoration and Enhancement program, which restores state-owned hatcheries, enhances natural fish production, expands hatchery production, and provides additional public access to fishing waters.	0	0.0	OF	1,237,277
10% Federal Funds Reductions			57	45.68	FF	\$ 18,033,077
1	Information and Education Division	Eliminates one position supporting Angler Education and Hunter Education; and, reduces service and supplies budget related to the operation of the mandatory Hunter Education program. Hunter Education is required for youth under age 18 to hunt in Oregon. This reduction would also impact the ability to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters. R3 activities are intended to increase hunting participation and license sales to fund wildlife management and conservation. This reduction would significantly impact the availability of mandatory Hunter Education and recruitment of new hunters which could affect license sales and hunting participation.	1	1.0	FF	711,582

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2	Information and Education Division	Eliminates federally funded shooting range grant program and Hunter Education enhancements, equipment and training for volunteer instructors. The shooting range grant programs provides funding for organizations, government agencies and others to develop or improve safe locations for recreational target shooting and Hunter Education training programs. This would also result in reduced availability of mandatory Hunter Education training which could affect hunting participation and license sales which help fund wildlife management and conservation.	0	0.0	FF	305,000
3	Capital Improvements	Reduces the agency's ability to undertake major improvements to agency capital assets.	0	0.0	FF	2,389,213
4	Avian Predation	Eliminates the federal grant funds for the Avian Predation Program. This program oversees development and implementation of complex management strategies to address the impacts of avian predators on salmonids in the lower Columbia River and along the Oregon Coast.	3	2.0	FF	360,309
5	Landowner Technical Assistance	Reduce the program which provides assistance to landowners for enhancement of private property for fish and wildlife habitat. This funding is currently used for wildlife habitat projects for numerous species, including mule deer. This reduces the Department's ability to proactively provide financial support to these types of projects.	0	0.0	FF	1,128,831
6	Access & Habitat	Reduce the Access and Habitat program project expenditure limitation. This program funds projects that provide access for hunting and/or improve habitat for wildlife. A reduction in this program would reduce the number of habitat restoration projects and access projects that the program can implement.	0	0.0	FF	2,365,589
7	Dedicated & Obligated Accounts: AISPP	Reduce the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) team that conducts watercraft inspections, provides public education and outreach, and implements other related activities to protect Oregon against aquatic invasive species.	8	5.6	FF	643,689
8	Sportfish Restoration Fund Boat Ramps	Eliminates disbursements for the purchase, maintenance, and repair of boat ramps for angling access.	0	0.0	FF	1,591,649
9	Fish Research & Monitoring	Reduces the agency's salmonid research and monitoring programs. This would affect the ability to sustainably manage fisheries and hatcheries, as well as understand status of fish populations and habitat.	0	0.0	FF	250,000
10	Columbia River Investigations	Reduces the Columbia River Investigations program. Significantly reduces ODFW's ability to manage white and green sturgeon as well as the recently listed Eulachon species.	26	18.08	FF	4,159,666
11	Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program	Reduces the majority of the STEP program, reducing the agency's ability to work with volunteers to rehabilitate and enhance the populations, habitat and fisheries of native salmon, trout and other fish managed by the Department.	13	13.0	FF	2,363,109
12	Habitat Regional Operations	Eliminates five positions in the East Region Fish Habitat Restoration Program funded by the Bonneville Power Administration as mitigation for the impacts of hydropower. Loss of these positions would eliminate the ongoing fish habitat restoration projects in the John Day, Grand Ronde, and Deschutes Watersheds.	5	5.0	FF	1,442,662
13	Marine Mammal Conservation	Eliminate one position within the Marine Mammal Conservation Program, which would decrease the ability to oversee the health of marine mammals. This also eliminates services and supplies expenditure limitation from federal grants. Reduction in services and supplies budgets will reduce this program's ability to manage pinniped predation on listed salmonid stocks at Bonneville Dam and Willamette Falls.	1	1.0	FF	321,778