

July 7th, 2026
1:00pm – 3:30pm



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting



Call to Order

Roll Call of All Members,
Welcome New Member: Noel Bacheller

Recognize Members of the Public

Agenda Item 1:

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

(May 5th 2026)

Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the May 5th, 2026 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

I move to approve the May 5th, 2026 meeting minutes with the addition/correction/ deletion of ____ on page ____, line ____, and continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Agenda Item 2:

Presentation: Trans Pacific Parkway Wildlife Crossing Project

Rachel Wheat, Wildlife Connectivity Coordinator,
ODFW

Paul Slater, Coos County Public Works

Agenda Item 3:

OCRf Project Presentation: OSU and ODFW to present on “Let’s Talk about Beavers” project.

Dr. Megan Jones – Assistant Professor, USGS
Oregon Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit,
Oregon State University

Adrienne Averett, Statewide Beaver Coordinator,
ODFW

Agenda Item 4:
Public Comment

Agenda Item 5:

Break

(Please be back in 10 min)

Agenda Item 6:

OCRIF Program Budget Overview

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW

OCRF Budget Update – July 2026

○ **Base Program Total: \$458k**

- 23-25 Ending balance: \$1,979,049
- (+) 25-27 revenue to date (All ELS): \$85,321
- (-) 25-27 allocated to projects/salary: \$1,898,539
- (+) add back S&S and salary to be paid by OWF: \$292,087
- **Total: \$457,918**

Total does not include interest earned in 25-27 or remaining ELS donations to be received for the biennium

○ **Drought Package: \$0**

- All Drought Package funds have been committed to projects

○ **ARPA: \$0**

- All Federal ARPA funds have been committed to projects

○ **Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bonds: \$ 3.93 million**

- Lottery Bond Sale occurred May 2025; \$1,069,500 committed to projects

OCRF Donations – May 2026

ELS / POS donations to date:

19-21: \$205,567

21-23: \$214,767

23-25: \$233,561

25-27: \$85,321

Total: \$739,216

ELS / POS = Includes donations from Electronic Licensing System, Point of Sales

Corporate/ Private
Donations: \$1,305,642

OWF Donations:

2026 YTD: \$201.50

2025: \$7,411.50

Large Private Donors: The Nature Conservancy (400K), Trout Creek Ranch (150K), OR Wildlife Foundation (90K)

Agenda Item 7:

**Committee Discussion of Recommended
Project: Trans Pacific Parkway Wildlife
Crossing Project**

Agenda Item 8:

**Committee Voting on Recommended
Project for funding from OCRF Wildlife
Connectivity Lottery Bond Funds**

Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Project

“I hereby move to approve the Trans Pacific Parkway Wildlife Crossing project by Coos County Public Works, totaling \$3.9 Million in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund’s Wildlife Connectivity Lottery Bonds.”

Agenda Item 9:

Summary of Post-Passage HB 4134 Discussion

“Taking Stock” / Reflecting on OCRF

Program Summaries & Gap Analysis: to identify species, ecosystems, organization types that may have been under-supported.

Aligning with the Revised SWAP

Transition from Scarcity to Abundance Mindset

Funding Mechanics & Agency Coordination

Complementing ODFW Work

Closer ties with local ODFW Bios

Leveraging the Funds: coordinate with OCF, OWF, and other donors

Structural Adjustments

Separating Species and Engagement Projects

Updating Criteria

Investing in human resources: future environmental stewards and conservationists

Shift to Proactive / Targeted RFPs

Focused Investment Model: hold workshops with partners to outline gaps

Calling partners in: through targeted RFPs

Project Focuses / Specific Species:

Emphasizing “Wildlife Diversity” and Beaver Coexistence

Next Strategic Steps

- Rollout of TLT funds occurs next year (May)
- Committee has time to strategically plan out changes over the next year

Agenda Item 10:

***Meeting Wrap Up and Closing
Comments***

OCRF Winter 2025/2026 RFP - Timeline

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Open December 15th, 2025

Official RFP Guidance made public (open for 8 weeks)

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Close February 9th, 2026

Technical Review Period – Feb 16th - March 27th, 2026

OCRF Advisory Committee Review Period – March 13th - April 17th, 2026

(Release early – more lead time)

OCRF Advisory Member follow-ups w/ tech reviewers – April 14th – 16th

Opportunity for OCRF Advisory Members to have Q/A with the ODFW technical reviews on an as needed basis

OCRF Advisory Committee Recommendations – May 5th, 2026 meeting

ODFW Commission Voting – June 26, 2026

Release of funds following contracting process – August 2026

Upcoming Meetings

2026 Meetings (Every other Month, First Tuesday of the Month):

- Mar 3, 2026
- May 5, 2026: Round 10 Project Recommendations (In-person)
- July 7, 2026
- Sept 1, 2026
- Nov 3, 2026