

Purpose of Conservation and Recreation Fund Advisory Committee

...to advise the...Commission on how to expend and obligate funding from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon and prepare a biennial report to submit to the Legislative Assembly.

Duties and Recommendation Procedures

The Advisory Committee:

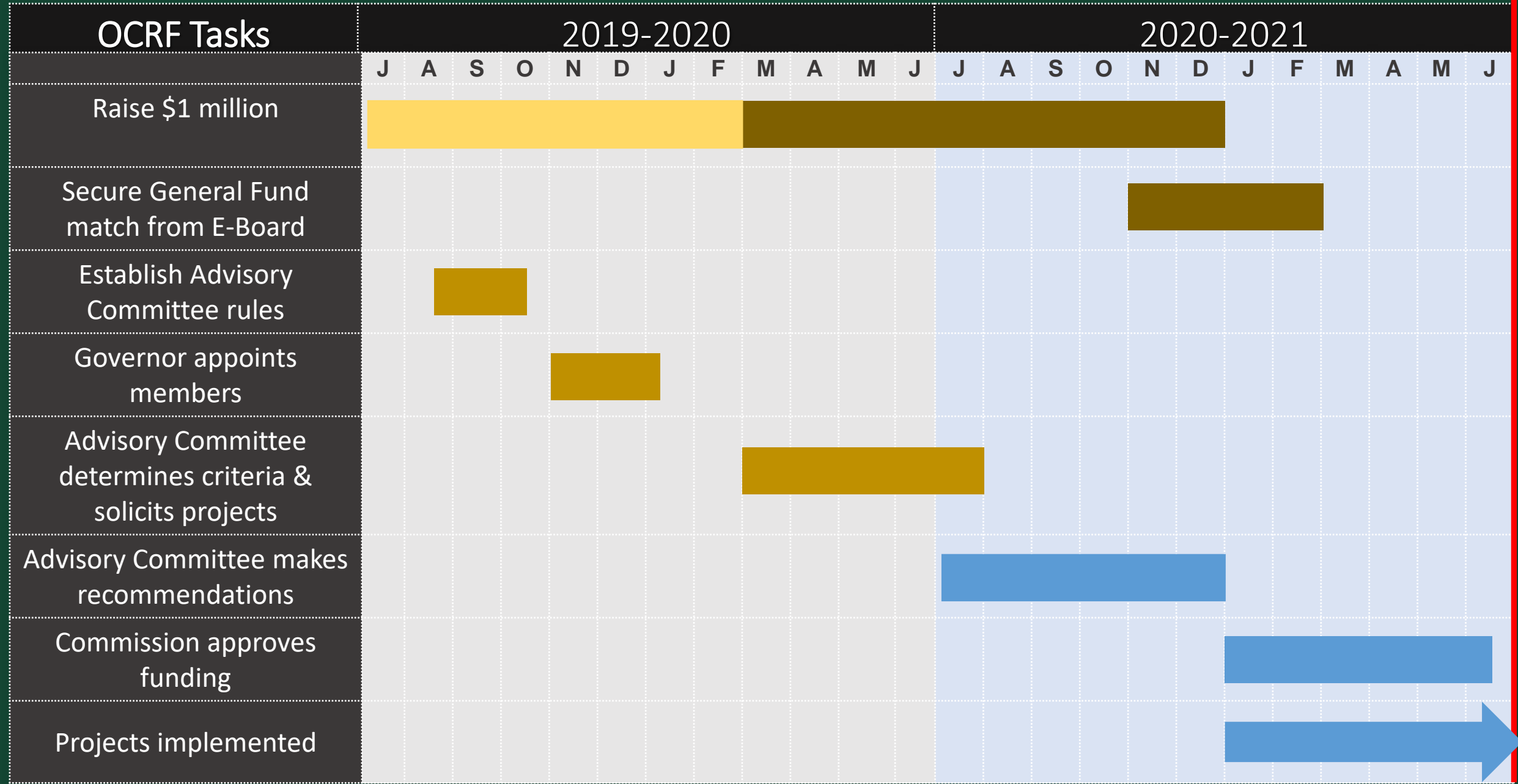
- (a) Shall review department policies regarding the use of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund moneys.
- (b) Shall make recommendations to the commission and the department regarding the use of fund moneys. Pursuant to HB 2829 (2019), the advisory committee shall identify uses for which the department may expend fund moneys.
- (c) Shall work jointly with the department to submit a biennial report to the Legislative Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding the expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and on the status of various activities funded by the moneys.
- (d) May perform such other duties as may be requested by the department and commission

Duties and Recommendation Procedures

- The advisory committee shall establish a process for requesting proposals for Conservation and Recreation Fund projects from the department and other interested parties.
- The department and any other interested parties may recommend projects to the advisory committee that follow permissible purposes outlined in HB 2829.
- The advisory committee shall review all submitted projects and shall recommend expenditures to the commission. The advisory committee will be responsible for determining whether the projects propose activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon.
- Interested parties must submit proposed projects to the advisory committee not less than 60 days prior to a scheduled meeting.

Duties and Recommendation Procedures

- All proposed funding projects that are or are not recommended by the advisory committee shall be presented in summary to the commission.
- A project for which recommendation for funding is not supported by the advisory committee may be reconsidered by the committee at a later meeting if the proponent has resolved the objections or deficiencies with a revised proposal. The reason(s) for the advisory committee's vote to not recommend a project shall be explained or reviewed for the proponent at the meeting, or relayed to the proponent in writing after the meeting and be conveyed to the commission upon making recommendations.



Defining Conservation

Proposed

Promoting the health of Oregon's ecosystems and fish and wildlife species including maintaining healthy fish and wildlife populations by maintaining and restoring functioning habitats; preventing declines of at-risk species; and reversing declines in these resources where possible.

Likes

Generally positive

Concerns

Length

Broadness

Defining Conservation

Proposed

Promoting the health of Oregon's ecosystems and **populations of** fish and wildlife species ~~including maintaining healthy fish and wildlife populations~~ by maintaining and restoring functioning habitats **and** preventing **& reversing** declines of at-risk species; ~~and reversing declines in these resources where possible.~~

Revised

Promoting the [holistic] health of Oregon's ecosystems and populations of [native] fish and wildlife species by maintaining & restoring functioning habitats, [maximizing abundance of all species] and preventing & reversing declines of at-risk species.

Defining Recreation

Proposed

All recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that generally involve some level of intentional physical exertion and occur in nature-based environments outdoors that are related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats.

Likes

Pleasurable outdoors activities

Concerns

Physical exertion

“In support of healthy...”

Needs clarity on all types of recreation

Length

Defining Recreation

Proposed

All recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that generally ~~involve some level of intentional physical exertion and~~ occur in nature-based environments outdoors that ~~are related to and in support of~~ rely on or have low impact on healthy fish, wildlife and their habitats.

Revised

All recreational activities undertaken for pleasure that generally occur outdoors and involve some level of intentional connection to and appreciation of nature ~~-based environments~~ that rely on or have low impact on healthy fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

The activities for which the department may expend fund moneys include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting the health of Oregon's ecosystems and fish and wildlife species by implementing conservation programs and strategies identified in the Oregon Conservation Strategy...including conservation programs and strategies for the nearshore identified in the marine component...;
- Improving engagement of the public in hunting and fishing opportunities and in other outdoor recreation opportunities related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;
- Improving educational outreach and engagement of the public, including diverse and underserved communities, related to and in support of healthy fish, wildlife and habitats;
- Engaging in, and providing funding for, joint projects of the department and the State Parks and Recreation Department or other state agencies as recommended by the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee...; and
- Other conservation, management, research, habitat improvement, enforcement, outdoor recreation or education activities.

Electing a Chair and Vice Chair

I _____ move to nominate _____ as Chairperson of the Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee

I _____ move to nominate _____ as Vice Chairperson of the Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee

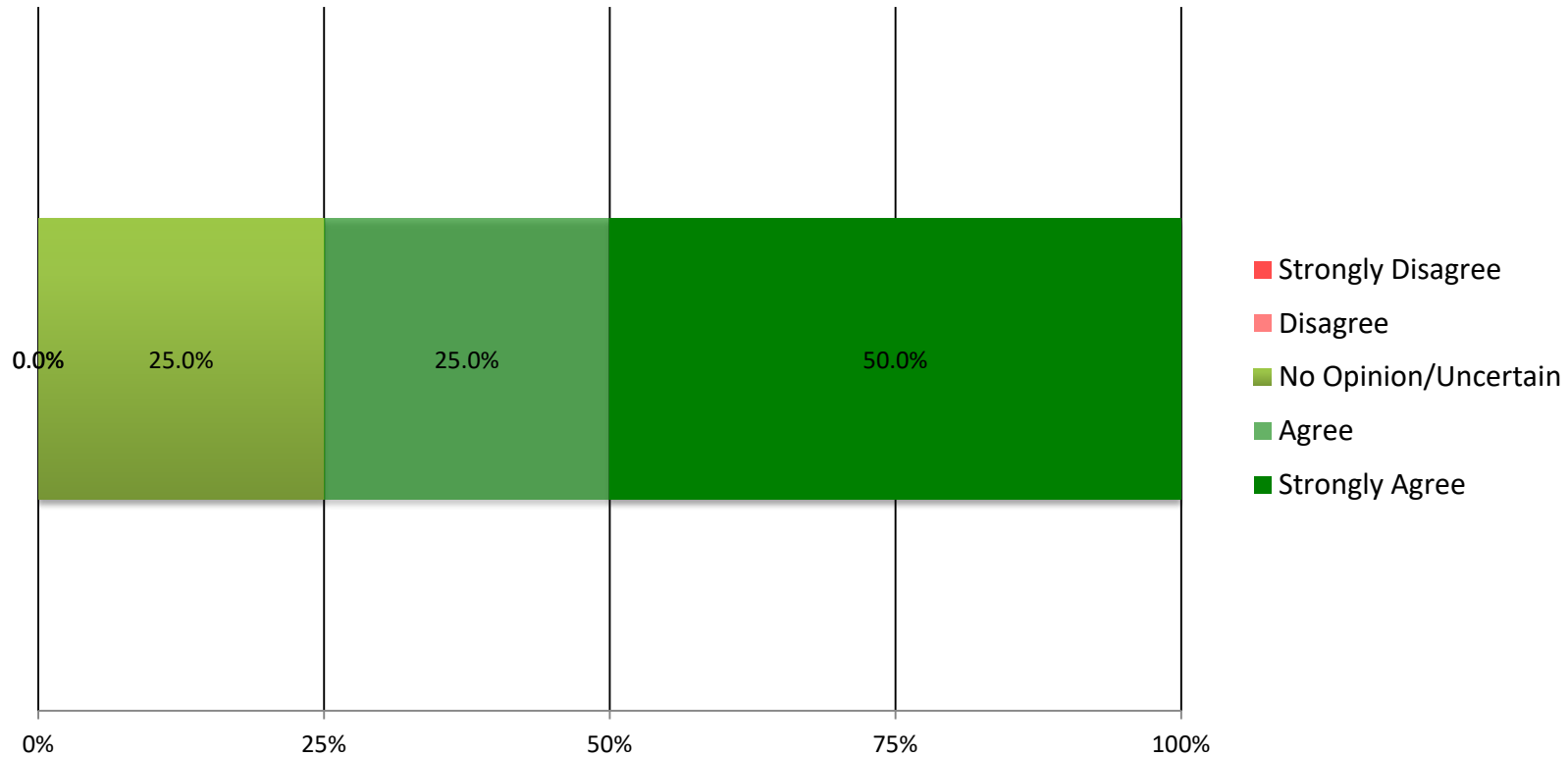
Proposed 2020-2021 Meetings

1. March 23/April 6 Introductions, initial scoping and criteria
2. May Finalize scoping and criteria
3. July Prepare to solicit project proposals
4. October/November First Round of Projects (send to Jan. Commission)
5. January 2021 Second Round of Projects (send to Apr. Commission)
6. Early April 2021 Final Round of Projects (send to June Commission)



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Member Survey Results

Competitive Selection Process with Criteria



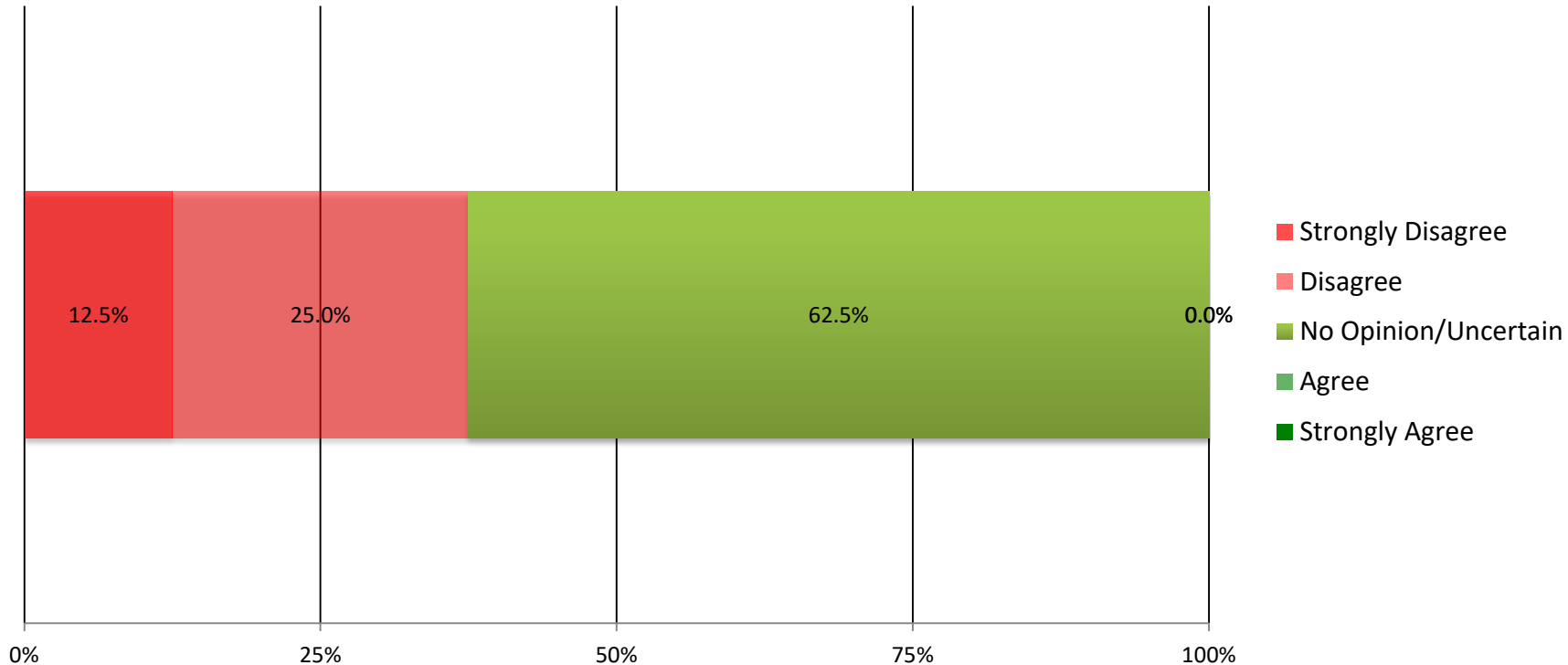
Rationale

Allows for transparency and helps begin to create a strategy for selecting restoration projects and placing them in their larger landscape contribution.

Concerns

Timing

1 or 2 big \$\$ Projects would be acceptable



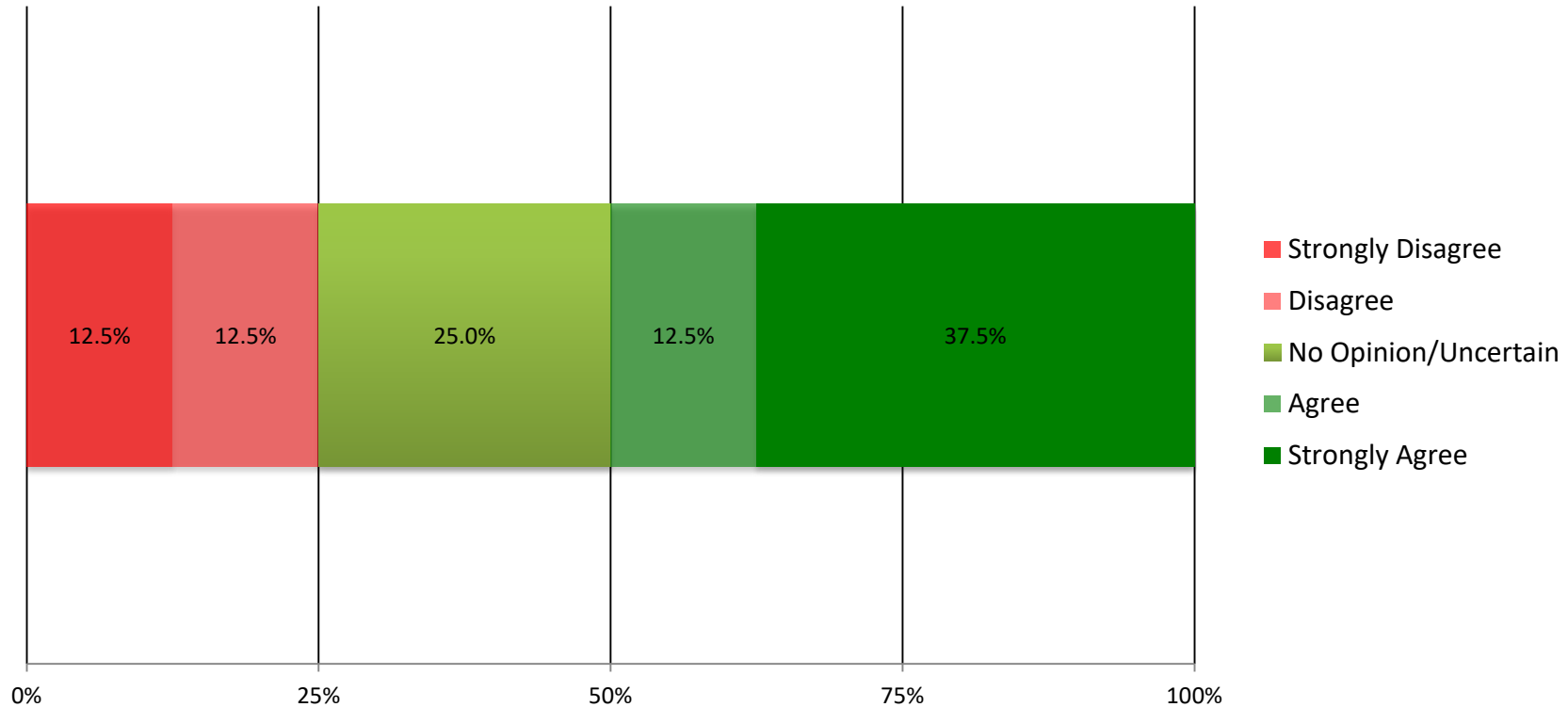
Rationale

Not crazy about it, but timing may warrant it

Concerns

- More projects allow comparison of results in different parts of the states and help identify challenges that may be related to the project type or to the area that a project type occurs.
- More projects enables a wider range of project “types”

Restricted Donations (for specific projects)



Concerns

- Long term success requires that Oregonians get engaged.
- Those who have lots of money end up controlling the outcomes.
- May be OK in the future, but not now.

Entities that can apply for funds

Moderate to broad support:

- ODFW
- Federal agencies: Forest Service and BLM
- Tribal agencies
- Non-government organizations: Watershed Councils
- State agencies
- Universities

Other ideas:

- Middle and high school
- Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- 5 – Individuals
- 3 - Federal agencies
- 1 – State agencies – need more info
- 2 - Local governments/Counties: Have not included as too often funds end up going to projects that benefit only a few.
- 1 -Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- 1 - Private corporations or affiliates with economic interests in conflict with OCRF goals

What outcomes are we seeking?