

April 1st, 2025

1:00pm – 4:00pm



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting



Agenda Item 1:

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

(March 6th 2025)

Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the March 6th, 2025 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

I move to approve the March 6th, 2025 meeting minutes with the addition/correction/ deletion of ____ on page ____, line ____, and continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Agenda Item 2:

OCRIF Project Presentation

**Northwestern Pond Turtle Life History and Habitat
Study in Mosier, OR**

Andrew Meyers, District Wildlife Biologist, ODFW

Agenda Item 3:

OCRF Project Presentation

Provolt Pond Turtle Project

**Jade Keehn, Wildlife Conservation
Biologist, ODFW**

Agenda Item 4:

Public Comment

Agenda Item 5:

Break

(Please be back in 10 min)

Agenda Item 6:

OCRF Communications Planning Update

Quinn Thomas Update 4/1/2025

- social graphic announcement (FB, IG, Twitter)
- **QT factsheet and social graphic finalized; updates coming soon**
- **QT messaging development in progress**
- **In progress: grantee toolkit - legislator letter and social content**
- continue message development
- continue grantee toolkit
- QT to present at May 6th meeting (comms plan, 4 target audiences, committee feedback)

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ✓
March 21 at 9:53 AM · 🌐

ODFW's Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) has opened its 2025 call for grant proposals 🌟

OCRF can help your organization make a real impact on conservation, wildlife and outdoor recreation goals across the state. Projects large and small are encouraged to apply, and submissions are open until May 9.

Learn how to apply here:
<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservation.../OCRF/grants.html>

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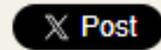
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OCRF News Release – 3/20/2025

ODFW's Conservation and Recreation Fund Spring grant cycle now open; \$8 million awarded to date

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March 20, 2025

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund Spring 2025 grant cycle is now open and accepting project proposals. Applications will be accepted until May 9, 2025.

Visit the OCRF website for application materials and detailed information:

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/OCRF/index.html>

“OCRF can help your organization make a real impact on conservation, wildlife and outdoor recreation goals across the state,” said Reva Gillman, OCRF Coordinator. “Projects large and small are encouraged to apply, and submissions are open until May 9.”

Since 2020, OCRF has provided more than \$8 million to 183 projects across Oregon. The OCRF prioritizes projects that:

- Align with the Oregon Conservation Strategy/State Wildlife Action Plan, safeguarding our diverse fish and wildlife before threats become critical.
- Promote outdoor equity, ensuring everyone has access to the health benefits and joy of nature.
- Address the impacts of drought, protecting vital habitats and ensuring resilient wildlife populations.
- Create new recreational opportunities, connecting people with the outdoors and fostering appreciation for our natural world.

Agenda Item 7:

Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bond Update

Wildlife Crossing Request for Information

- 8 letters of interest received
- 2 that meet lottery bond restrictions
- Wildlife crossing RFI – phase 2?

Eligible projects:

1. Wildlife crossing infrastructure construction/ improvement projects.
2. Projects MUST include construction or significant improvement of wildlife crossing infrastructure. Related expenses (e.g., engineering design, permitting) are allowable.
3. No standalone projects for feasibility studies, design, maintenance, or monitoring are allowed.
4. Funds must be expended within 3 years of lottery bond sale.

Wildlife Crossing Funds: ODFW Staff & OCRF Chairs Recommended Process

- Applicant fills out wildlife crossing letter of interest.
- ODFW wildlife crossing coordinator to review projects and determine if project meets criteria of Wildlife Crossing Lottery bond restrictions.
- If project is eligible for Wildlife Crossing Lottery Bond funds, applicant is invited to submit a full application.
- Applicant is invited to present at regularly scheduled OCRF Advisory Committee public meeting. Committee considers and recommends project. (May 6th meeting)
- ODFW takes the recommended Wildlife Crossing project to the Fish and Wildlife Commission for final approval. (June 13 meeting)

Agenda Item 8:
OCRF Program Updates

Program Updates

March 14th: Commission approved Fall 2024 recommended projects

- 17 projects were approved for a total expenditure of \$1.027 million

March 20th: Spring Grant Cycle, Round 9 launched

Will be open and accepting applications until May 9th.

OCRF Fall 2024 RFP - Timeline

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Open August 30th, 2024

Official RFP Guidance made public (open for 60 days)

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Close October 29th, 2024

Technical Review Period – Nov 12th to Dec 17th, 2025

OCRF Advisory Committee Review Period – Dec 18th to Jan 15th, 2025

(Release in November – more lead time)

OCRF Advisory Committee Recommendations – Feb 4th, 2025 meeting

ODFW Commission Voting – March 14, 2025

Release of funds following contracting process – May 2025

OCRF Spring 2025 RFP - Timeline

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Open March 20th, 2025

Official RFP Guidance made public (open for 50 days)

Request for Proposals (RFP) – Close May 9th, 2025

Technical Review Period – May 16th - June 16th, 2025

OCRF Advisory Committee Review Period – June 17th - July 15th, 2025

(Release early – more lead time)

OCRF Advisory Member follow-ups w/ tech reviewers – July 9th – 11th

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

OCRF Advisory Committee Recommendations – July 29th, 2025 meeting

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Upcoming meetings

Next Meeting: May 4th

- Quinn Thomas presentation / committee discussion
- Wildlife Crossing project presentations
- update on new office of outdoor recreation representative

In-Person Meeting: July 28th - 29th

(Location: Sisters, OR)

Site Visit: July 28th , 6pm committee dinner

Committee Meeting: July 29th 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Agenda Item 8:

Meeting Wrap Up and Next Steps