

HB 4134

Historic Advancement for Conservation in Oregon

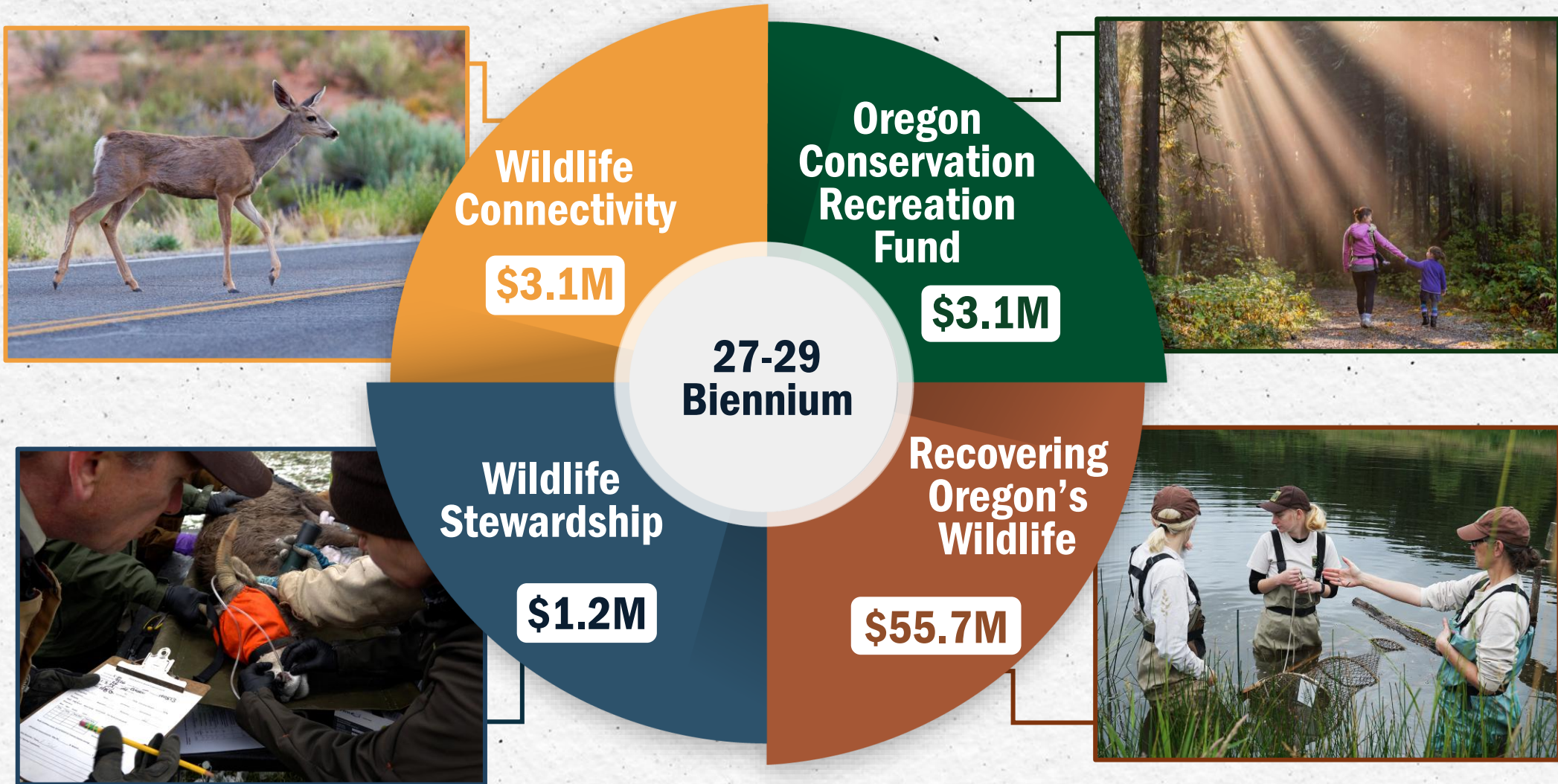


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- Implementation of the State Wildlife Action Plan (0.9% ODFW)
- Enhancing wildlife connectivity (0.05% ODFW)
- Enhancing wildlife stewardship (0.02% ODFW)
- Provide grant funding for Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (0.05% ODFW)
- Antipoaching enforcement (0.01% DOJ)
- Antipoaching enforcement (0.05% OSP)
- Provide grant funding for the Wolf Compensation Program (0.05% ODA)
- Enhance Oregon Invasive Species Council (0.02% ODA)
- Wildfire risk reduction (0.1% Oregon Cons Corps)



2027-29 Projected HB4134 Revenues: ODFW Programs



ODFW Strategic Priorities

- Oregon is Worth Protecting ~ implementing the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) to recover at-risk species, address threats to key habitats, and engage partners and Oregonians in conservation efforts
- Everyone Belongs Outdoors ~ engaging all Oregonians in nature and the outdoors and sustaining responsible wildlife-based recreation
- Climate Resilience of Natural & Working Lands (Governor's Executive Order 25-26)
- Landscape-scale Conservation Action



VISION & PURPOSE

VISION

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) Advisory Committee jointly envision an Oregon where native fish and wildlife populations thrive in healthy habitats across the state's lands and waters—and where all Oregonians embrace their role in supporting and enjoying our state's natural resources.

"I appreciate that the Advisory Committee membership represents diverse communities and interests. They tackle the issues of the moment in a thoughtful way."

– Grant applicant

Achieving this vision means:

CONNECTING

all Oregonians, including youth, families, diverse and underserved communities with the outdoors.

ADVANCING

the science and research needed to improve our understanding of Oregon's diverse species.

GROWING

healthy ecosystems to benefit Oregon's fish and wildlife and improve the health of our environment for future generations.



OCRF

- Taking stock in 2026
 - Grant Program Summaries, Gap Analysis
 - By species or habitat
 - By geography
 - By organization type
 - Look for gaps
- Revised State Wildlife Action Plan – approved by USFWS 2026
- Portland Pilot Project – Everyone Belongs Outdoors
- Climate Resiliency E0 25-26
- Committee reflection & planning



PURPOSE

The purpose of the OCRF is to provide additional resources to carry out activities that serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon and to support nature-based recreation consistent with the [Oregon Conservation Strategy](#). The Oregon Conservation Strategy is a comprehensive, science-based plan that helps government agencies, landowners, conservation groups, hunting and fishing organizations and other partners coordinate their efforts to improve fish, wildlife and their habitats in Oregon's terrestrial, aquatic, and nearshore ecosystems.

OCRF was established by the Oregon State Legislature in 2019 with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 496.252 and is financed primarily through state general fund allocations as well as gifts, grants, contributions, or other donations that are received by the department expressly for the Fund.

ORS 496.254 states that "The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is established as an advisory committee to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife." It goes on to state that "the committee shall review department policies regarding the use of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund moneys and make recommendations to the commission and the department regarding use of the fund moneys for implementing and administering department activities". Fund moneys serve to protect, maintain, or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon. In carrying out this work, the Advisory Committee has adopted the following definitions:

CONSERVATION:

Improving the health of Oregon's ecosystems and populations of fish and wildlife species.

RECREATION:

Any activity undertaken to enjoy, appreciate, or support fish, wildlife and their habitats.

In collaboration with ODFW, the Advisory Committee solicits, reviews, and recommends to the commission a variety of projects each grant cycle that prioritize implementation of the Oregon Conservation Strategy. The OCRF also solicits and invests in outdoor recreation projects that connect Oregonians to the natural world and increase equity for underserved communities. OCRF accomplishments through December 2023 are shown below.



140 PROJECTS
supported across Oregon's
8 Ecoregions



\$5 million AWARDED
statewide with an average of
\$35,000 per project



96 GROUPS
received funding and developed over
200 Project Collaborations



\$1.3 million DONATED
has been used to leverage the
State General Fund