

May 5th, 2026

10:00am – 1:00pm



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
Advisory Committee Meeting

In-person and Virtual Meeting
Oregon Coast Aquarium
2820 SE Ferry Slip Rd, Newport, OR
Gleason Room



Agenda Item 1:

Call to Order

Roll Call of All Members

Recognize Members of the Public

Agenda Item 2:

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

(March 3rd 2026)

Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the March 3rd, 2026 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

I move to approve the March 3rd, 2026 meeting minutes with the addition/correction/ deletion of ____ on page ____, line ____, and continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Agenda Item 3:

Presentation: ODFW Marine Resources Program
Priorities

Justin Ainsworth—Marine Resources Program Manager,
ODFW

ODFW Marine Resource Program

Connecting Nearshore Stewardship to Oregon's Conservation Vision

Oregon Conservation and Recreation
Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

May 5, 2026

Justin Ainsworth

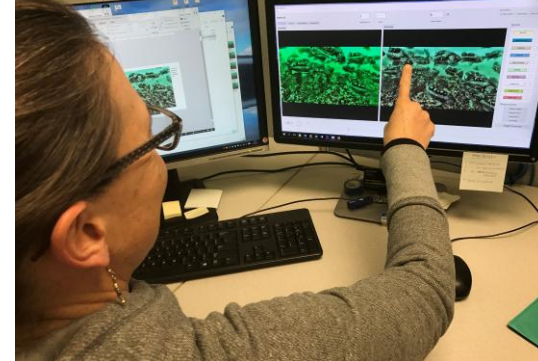
Marine Resource Program Manager



Marine Resources Program Overview

We work with Oregon communities to sustain ocean and estuary resources by:

- Building understanding about marine species, habitats, and how people rely on them
- Working for the benefit of Oregon's species, ecosystems, and communities
- Acting today to ensure resources and opportunity for the future.



Building Understanding

- Conducting scientific research on marine species, habitats and changing ocean conditions.
- Sampling and monitoring species to assess populations.
- Collaborating with partners to increase our ability to collect data.
- Valuing local knowledge and input from the public.
- Examining how people value, use and depend on ocean resources.



Working for Oregon's Species, Ecosystems and People

- Recommending technical and scientific solutions to emerging issues in marine resource management and decision making.
- Representing Oregon in regional groups, policy councils and commissions that make marine resource management decisions.
- Bringing partners and community members together to incorporate their expertise and local knowledge into management solutions.



Taking Action Today for the Future

- Manage annual and seasonal harvest limits
- Ensure sustainable fishing opportunities
- Manage impacts on habitats and species
- Develop policies and regulations for long-term resource health
- Support enforcement and public safety



Why This Work Matters

- Every MRP action advances long-term sustainability of marine resources
- State Wildlife Action Plan guides conservation of species, habitats, and climate resilience
- Science and monitoring inform responsible management and policy
- Partnerships strengthen outcomes for people, species, and ecosystems
- Actions today ensure opportunities for future generations.



Key Habitat Types

Key nearshore habitats where conservation and recreation meet:



Kelp Beds



Eelgrass
Beds



Rocky
Intertidal



Nearshore
Rocky Reefs



Building Nearshore and Coastal Resilience

- Understanding how habitats respond to stressors
- Support species that depend on changing systems
- Strengthen long-term adaptability

OCRF Support Makes a Difference

- Help us continue raising visibility and investing in Oregon's nearshore environment
- Support coastal projects
- Promote marine stewardship
- Help connect more Oregonians to the ocean



'Oregon is Worth Protecting' Campaign

- 'Oregon is Worth Protecting' champions Oregon's unique native species of fish and wildlife by increasing attention and support for protecting them.
- Reaches beyond the usual suspects and invite more Oregonians to care deeply about the species that call this state home.
- Oregon is worth protecting campaign launched last year with the goal to connect people to these unique species and habitats of greatest conservation need.
- Campaign Includes:
 - Website "Oregonisworthprotecting.com"
 - Radio advertisements
 - Limited Edition Jamba Juice Conservation Tumbler
 - Conservation Coloring contest



Questions?



Agenda Item 4:

OCRIF Project Presentation: ODFW to present on “A Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) for Evaluating Change and Resilience in Nearshore Marine Communities” project.

Scott Marion, Marine Habitat Project Leader, ODFW

Agenda Item 5:
Public Comment

Agenda Item 6:

Break

(Please be back in 10 min)

Agenda Item 7:

OCRIF Program Budget Overview

Sarah Reif, Habitat Division Administrator, ODFW

OCRF Budget Update – May 2026

○ **Base Program Total: \$894k**

- 23-25 Ending balance: \$1,979,049
- (+) 25-27 revenue to date (All ELS): \$85,321
- (-) 25-27 allocated to projects/salary: \$1,462,242
- (+) add back S&S and salary to be paid by OWF: \$292,087
- **Total: \$894,215**

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

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

Agenda Item 8:

Round 10 Winter 2025/2026 RFP Overview

Reva Gillman, OCRF Grant Coordinator, ODFW

Winter 2025 Call for Proposals – Round 10

Closed Feb 9th 2026

90 complete project proposals submitted:

- **\$2,086,244 – Total Requested Funds**
- **\$ 23,180 – Average Request**

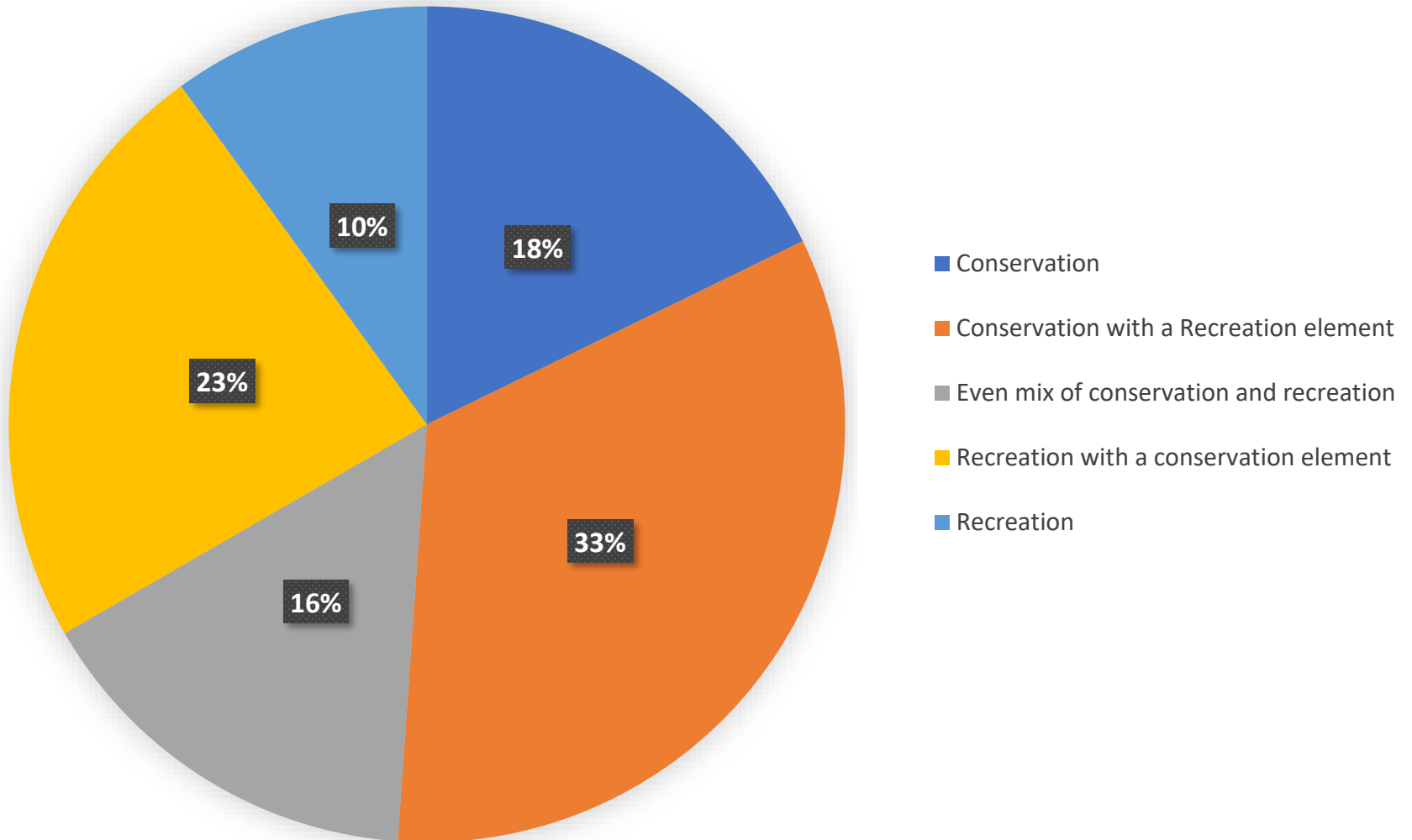
- **ODFW Staff Technical Review, and**
- **OCRFB Advisory Committee Review of projects is complete**

- **OCRFB has one funding bucket this round:**
 - **Base Program Funding (about \$400,000 to award)**
 - **Per Project Maximum: \$25,000**

Winter 2025 Call for Proposals

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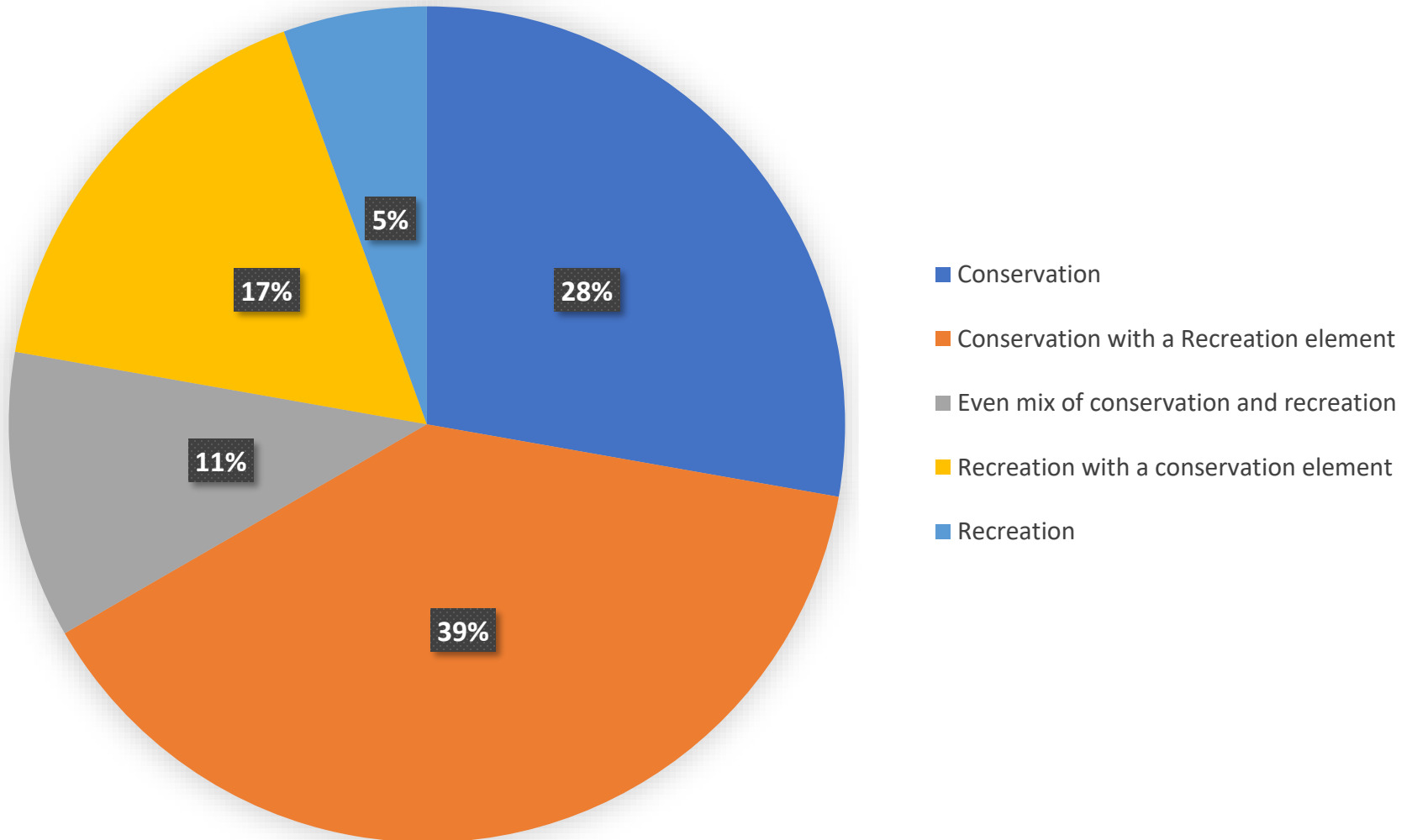
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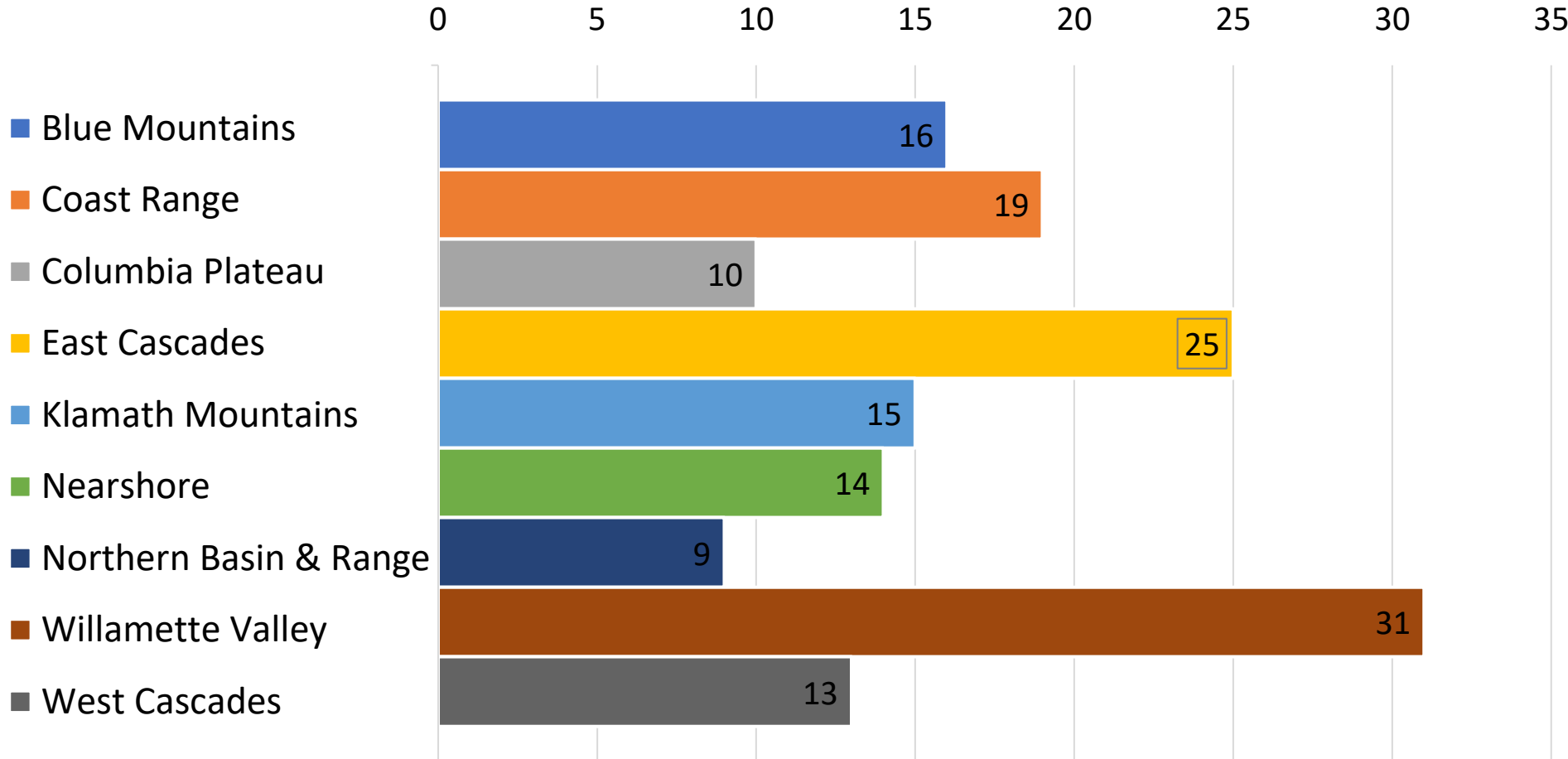


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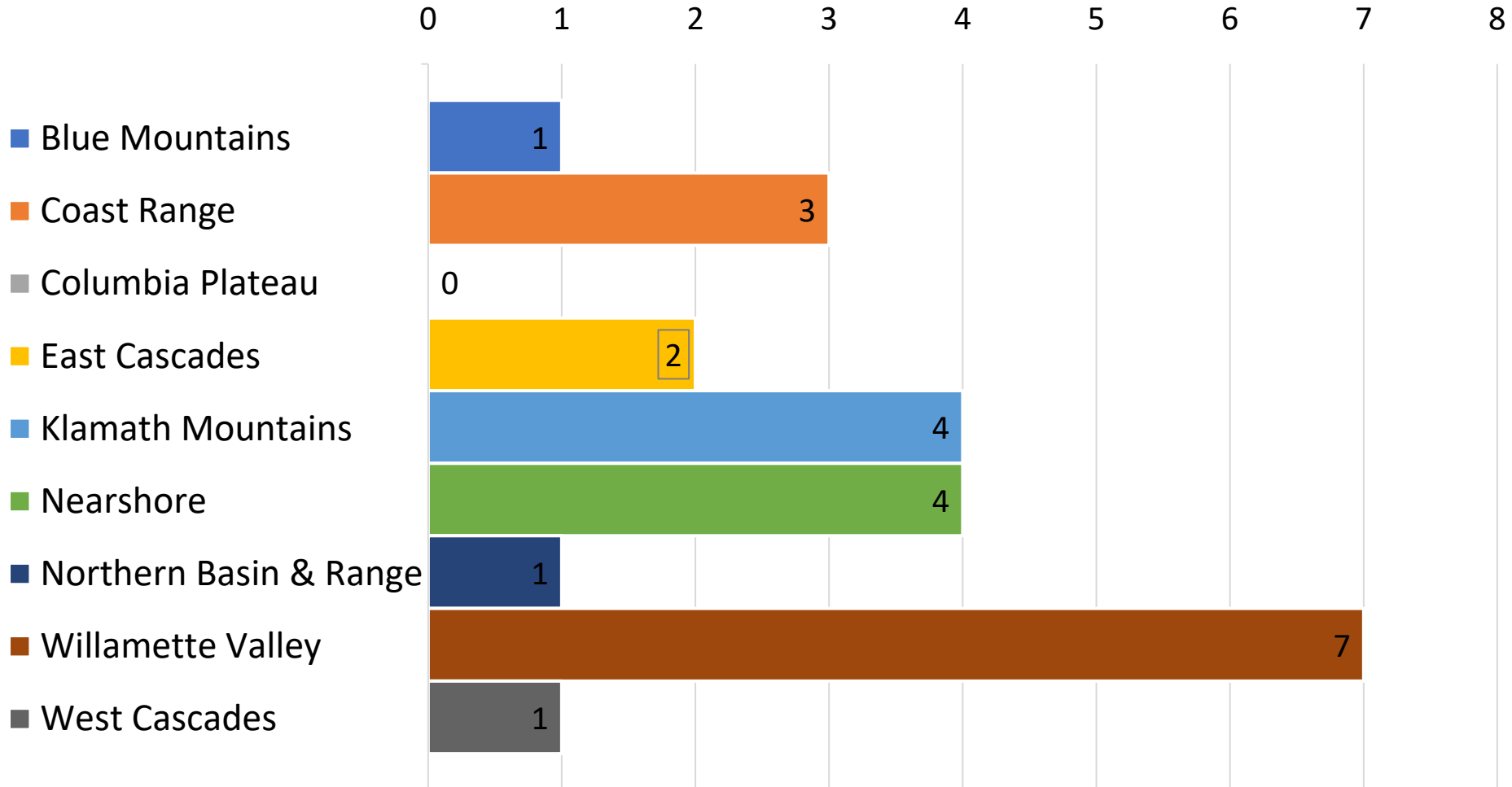


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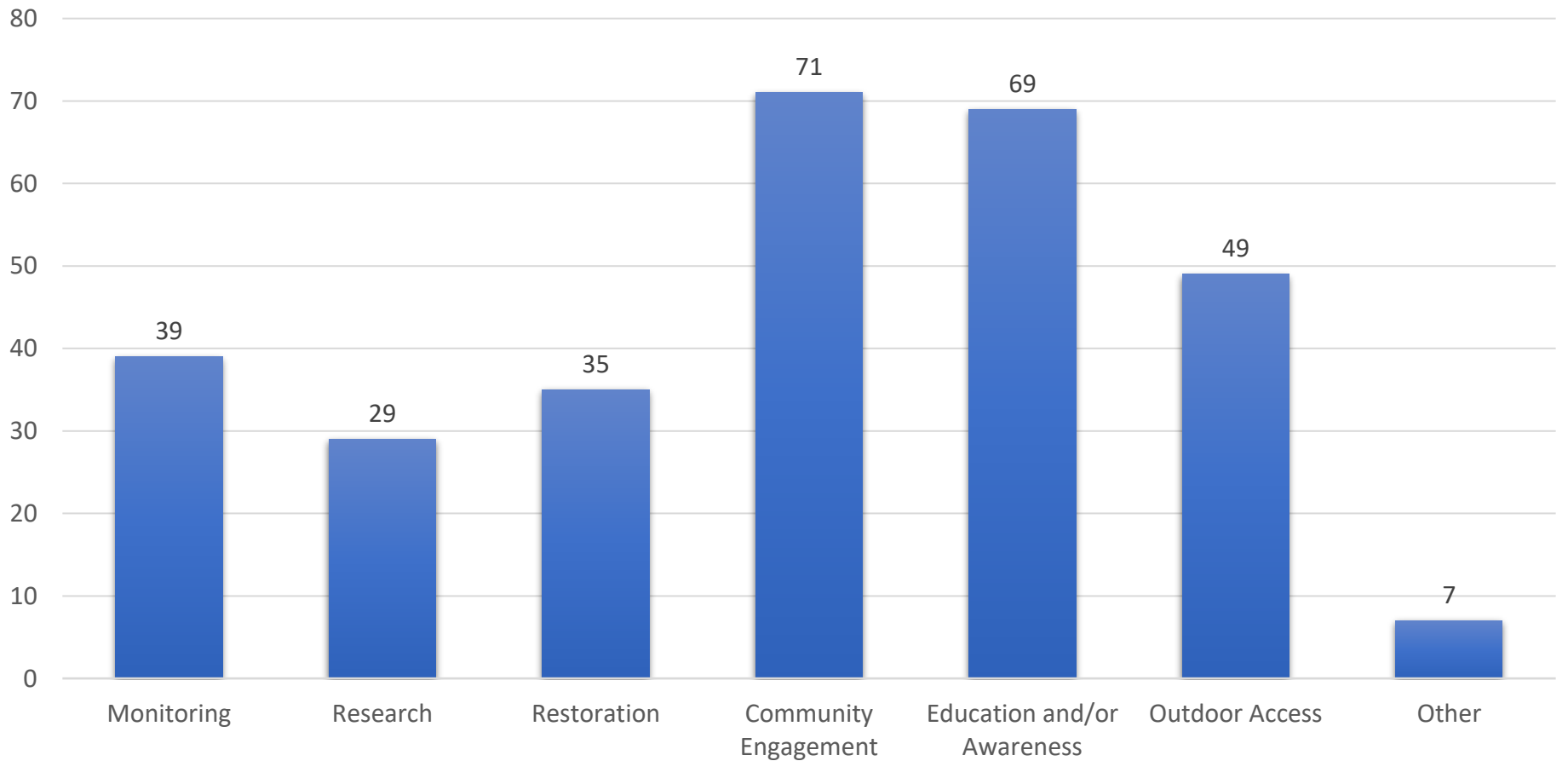
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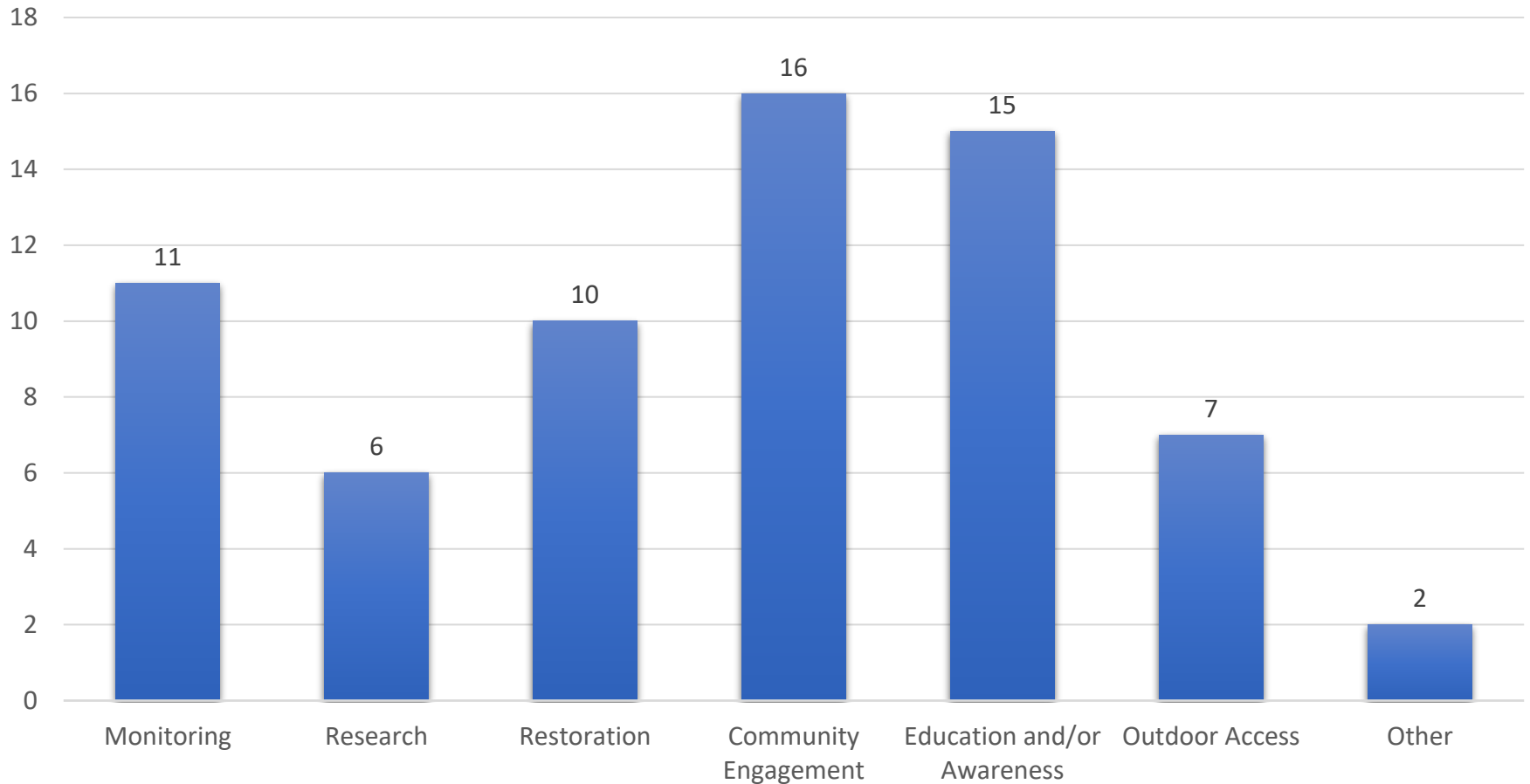
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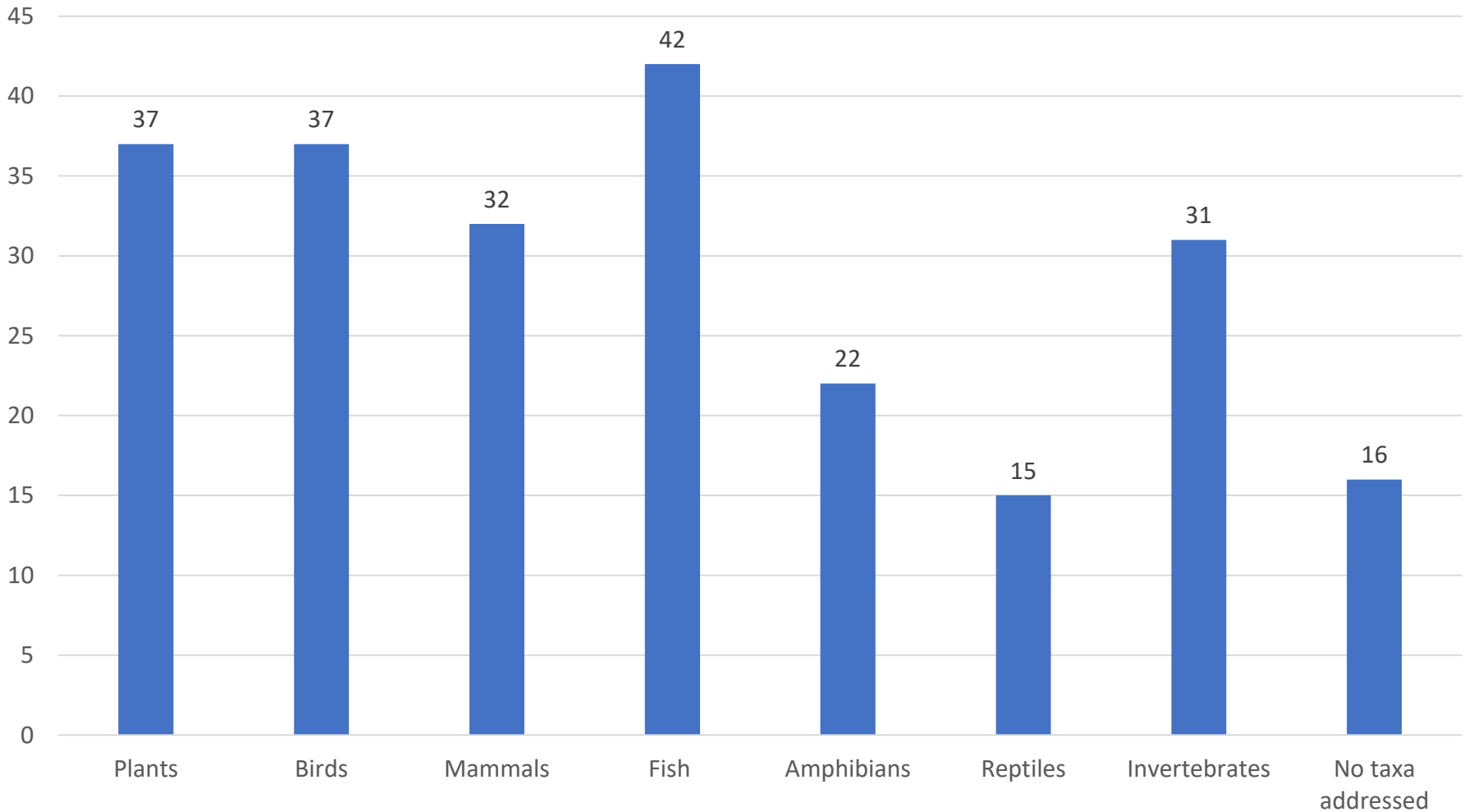
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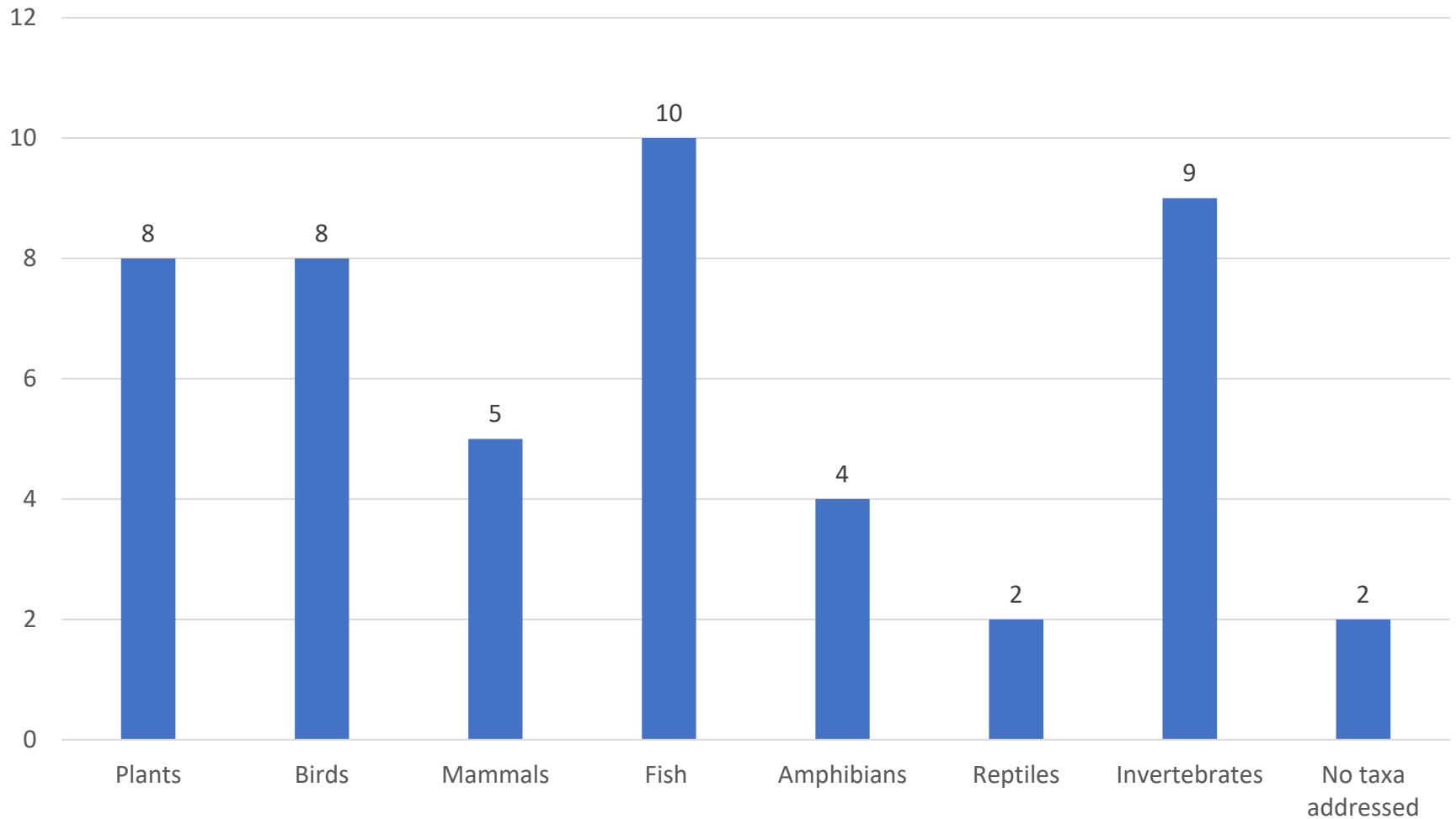
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Proj #	Project Title	Lead Organization	Geography/ Ecoregion	Project Classification	Prior Grant	Requested Funds	Raw Score	Rank Sum
76	Sustaining Coastal Stewardship and Community Science in the Netarts Bay Watershed	Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea	Coast Range; Nearshore	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$25,000	149	2
5	Aves Compartidas: Engaging Underserved Youth in Bilingual Wildlife Education and Habitat Stewardship	Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$20,150	148	2
41	Get Ready! Stay Ready! Program	Black Affinity Group	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$25,000	147	3
56	People of Color Outdoors Environmental Education Program for Children	People of Color Outdoors	Willamette Valley	Conservation	Yes	\$25,000	147	3
12	Building Turtle Homes, Building Futures: Youth Restore Tualatin Wetlands	The Wetlands Conservancy	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$25,000	145	3
33	Effects of fire age on Lewis's Woodpecker (<i>Melanerpes lewis</i>) reproduction	Cal Poly Humboldt	East Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$24,937	141	4
70	Selection of Foraging Habitat and Nest-sites by <i>Bombus occidentalis</i> in Northeast Oregon	Wallowa Resources	Blue Mountains	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$14,351	146	5
22	Connecting Community to Watersheds: Youth Monitoring on the Umpqua National Forest	Pacific Rivers	West Cascades	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$12,569	140	6
29	Development and implementation of health charts to rapidly assess gray whale health for improved management	Oregon State University	Nearshore	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$24,565	140	7
69	Salmon, Streams, and Stewardship: Education & Outreach in Curry County	Curry Soil and Water Conservation District	Coast Range; Nearshore	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$25,000	140	7
61	Propagation and Distribution of Coastal Plants for Restoration and Habitat Enhancement	Tillamook Estuaries Partnership	Coast Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	\$25,000	136	8

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65	Restoring Salmon Populations in North Clackamas Watersheds by Removing Toxic Tire Dust (6PPD-q)	North Clackamas Watersheds Council	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$24,840	130	8
66	Revival of the Maklaks	Maqlaqs Paddle	East Cascades; Klamath Mountains; Northern Basin & Range	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$25,000	142	9
20	Community Engagement in Conservation and Stewardship	Friends of Otter Rock Marine Reserve	Nearshore	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$20,000	139	9
49	Managing and Protecting Wild Salmon Through Real-Time AI Monitoring	Wild Salmon Center	Klamath Mountains; Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	\$25,000	139	9
77	Taking Action to Save the Imperiled Mazama Newt	Oregon Zoo	Klamath Mountains	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$24,940	143	10
19	Community Engaged Watershed Restoration to Benefit Imperiled Species in an Urban Watershed	Friends of Tryon Creek	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$24,945	142	10
63	Restoration of critical watershed habitat in the Klamath Mountains using traditional ecological knowledge	Maqlaqs Gaa'tkni	Klamath Mountains	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$25,000	142	10
85	Westwind Camp Scholarship Program	Westwind Stewardship Group	Coast Range	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$20,000	140	10
11	Building ecological inquiry and climate connection into the ODFW - Fish Eggs to Fry classroom program	Freshwaters Illustrated	Coast Range; Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Recreation with a Conservation element	No	\$17,500	135	10
24	Connecting the Luckiamute State Natural Areas - Trail planning at Luckiamute Confluence Preserve	Greenbelt Land Trust (GLT)	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$24,952	129	11
34	Engaging Community Scientists and Adventurers in Locating Black Swift Nest Sites	Portland State University	Coast Range; West Cascades	Conservation	Yes	\$24,957	129	11

Sum:
\$416,297

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9	Bilingual Environmental Learning for Youth	Verde	Willamette Valley	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$25,000	137	12
90	Youth Land Stewards Educational Program (YLSEP)	Willamette Resources and Educational Network	Willamette Valley	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	No	\$25,000	137	12
39	From Seeds to Silverspots: Priority Plant Materials for Coastal Grassland Restoration	Institute for Applied Ecology	Coast Range	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$25,000	136	12
4	Audible Bats Project Wrap Up	Oregon State University	Blue Mts; Columbia Plateau; E Cascades; Klamath Mts; N Basin & Range	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$25,000	138	13
88	WWBWC Outreach and Education	Walla Walla Basin Watershed Foundation	Blue Mountains; Columbia Plateau	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$25,000	135	13
45	Investigating Nesting Ecology of Northwestern Pond Turtle in the Mosier Population	ODFW Mid-Columbia Wildlife District	East Cascades	Conservation	Yes	\$7,000	142	14
1	A geochemical approach to tracking White Sturgeon habitat use within the lower Columbia River.	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	Willamette Valley	Recreation with a Conservation element	Yes	\$24,975	139	14
86	Wildlife Watch: Community Science Workshops	High Desert Museum	Blue Mountains; East Cascades	Even mix of Conservation and Recreation	Yes	\$24,792	139	14
42	Hot on the trail: quantifying wildlife responses to human disturbance and forest fuels treatments	The Nature Conservancy	East Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	Yes	\$24,967	137	14
31	Disston Pathway Access Protection and Safety Improvements	Row River Fire Response Row River Valley Community Partnership	Willamette Valley; West Cascades	Conservation with a Recreation element	No	\$20,000	135	14

Agenda Item 9:

**Committee Discussion of Recommended
Projects from Winter Grant Solicitation**

Agenda Item 10:

**Committee Voting on Recommended
Projects for funding from Winter
2025/2026 Grant Solicitation**

Draft Motion : Selection of Recommended Projects

“I hereby move to approve the top ranked 18 Projects from the OCRF Round 10 Winter 2025 RFP, totaling \$416,297 in expenditure from the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.”

Agenda Item 11:

Review of HB 4134

Agenda Item 12:
OCRF Business Items

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

Agenda Item 13:

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