

February 6th, 2023

1:00pm – 3:00pm



Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting



Agenda Item 1:

Review and Approve Meeting Minutes

(January 6th 2022)

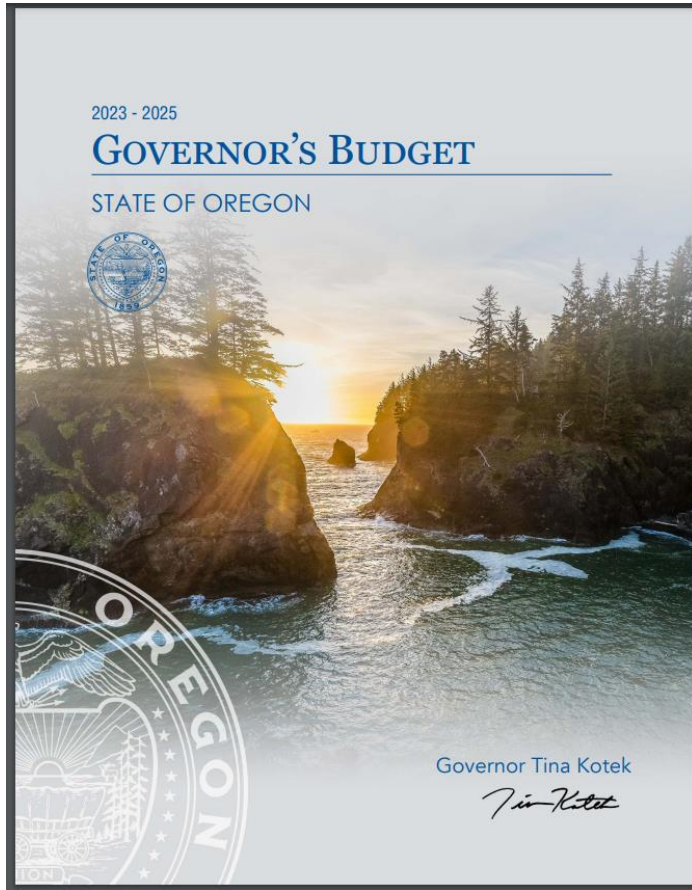
Draft Motion Templates re: Minutes

I move to approve the January 6th, 2023 meeting minutes with the continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

I move to approve the January 6th, 2023 meeting minutes with the addition/correction/ deletion of _____ on page ____, line _____, and continued authority to correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation.

Agenda Item 2:
Governors Budget

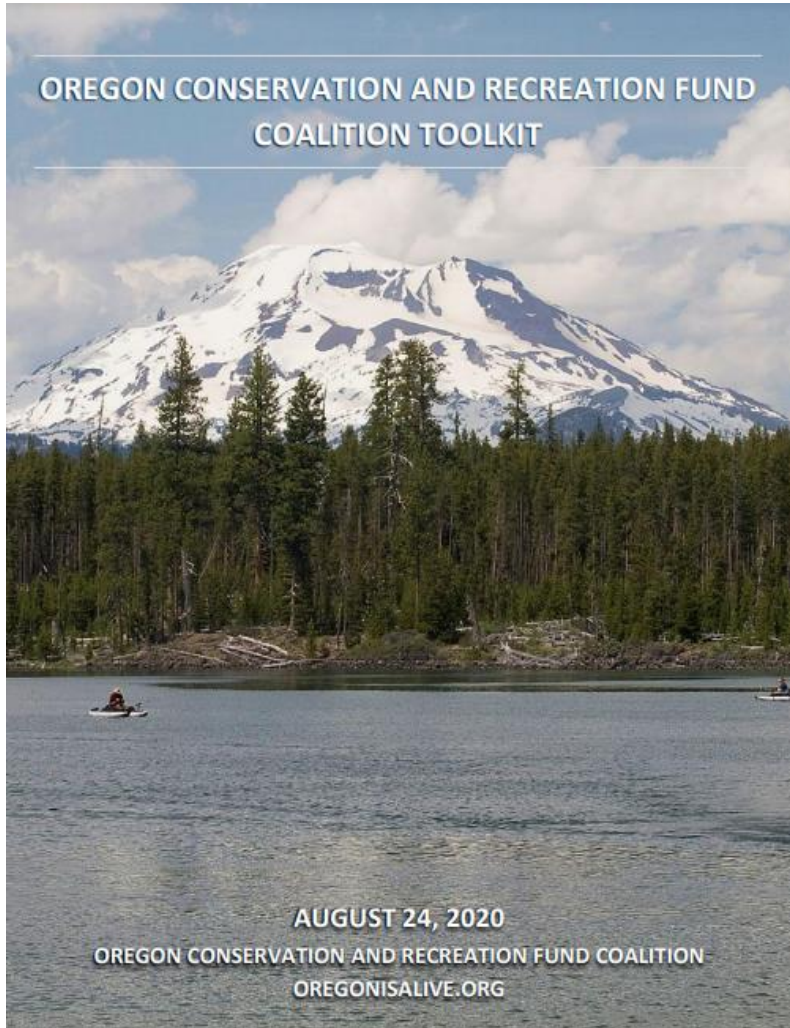
Budget Highlights



2023-25 Policy Option Packages									
Included in ODFW Governor's Recommended Budget									
Number	Policy Option Package Title	Division	# of Pos	FTE	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Policy Package Total
Included									
105*	Private Forest Accord Data Coordination	Habitat/Wildlife/Admin	0	0.00	10,000,000		12,000,000		22,000,000
112*	Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund	Habitat	1	1.00			267,131		267,131
120*	OCS Farm Bill Biologists	Habitat	5	5.00	199,052			793,225	992,277
121	Minam River Wildlife Area Acquisition	Wildlife Management	0	0.00				9,755,000	9,755,000
122	Mule Deer Coordinator	Wildlife Management	1	1.00			59,216	177,053	236,269
123	Coquille Valley Wildlife Area Biologist	Wildlife Management	1	1.00			47,730	142,739	190,469
124	Salmonid Forecasting and Habitat Models	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00				243,678	243,678
125	Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Monitoring	Inland Fisheries	3	3.04			163,793		163,793
126	Deferred Maintenance - Phase 3	Major Const./Acq.	3	3.00			5,000,000		5,000,000
127	Debt Service for Deferred Maintenance	Debt Service	0	0.00	459,375		95,000		554,375
128	Human Resources Analyst	Administration	1	1.00			265,217		265,217
129	Upgrade ODFW .dvw Website	Administration	2	2.00			546,101		546,101
130	Fish Passage Restoration - Culverts	Inland Fisheries	1	1.00			272,933		272,933
131	Boardman-Hemingway Project Coordination	Habitat	1	1.00			231,862		231,862
132	Procurement and Contract Specialist	Administration	1	1.00			233,509		233,509
136	Wildlife Regional Programs Alignment	Wildlife Management	2	2.41			(17,172)		(17,172)
137	Stop Poaching General Fund Transfer	Administration	0	0.00	(828,613)				(828,613)
			23	21.45	9,829,814	0	19,165,320	11,111,695	40,106,829
	* Included, as modified from Agency Request Budget								

Agenda Item 3:
OCRF Communications

OCRF Coalition – *Communication Subgroup*



**Communications Subgroup meet
on January 30th**

**Next Meeting will be at the end of February
beginning of March**

2020-2021 OCRF Coalition *CALL TO ACTION*

Help demonstrate the ongoing importance of the OCRF – advocate to remove the sunset on the OCRF

Help to support the work of the OCRF and grantees –
fundraise to unlock the 1:1 match with state dollars

Help to create a diverse partnership of motivated
stakeholders – encourage partners to join the OCRF
Coalition

Nature of Oregon Day Proclamation



Coalition driven initiative to have a day designated by Governor in recognition of the State's values on conservation and recreation.

Celebrated with an in-person event on April 7th, 2022, in Portland, Oregon hosted by the Oregon Wildlife Foundation

2023 Outreach Document

Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund



Supporting projects that implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and create new opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation.



The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF) has flourished within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) since its creation by the Oregon Legislature in 2019. Now with its program sunset removed, the OCRF is well-positioned to continue to serve statewide conservation and recreation needs by providing timely, effective, and equitable funding. Moving forward, ODFW will continue to use the OCRF to invest in community led projects that connect Oregonians to the natural world and increase equity for underserved communities of people, plants, and animals.

108 projects supported across Oregon's **8 Ecoregions**

\$3million awarded Statewide with an average of **\$30,000 per project**

94 Organizations received funding and developed over **200 Project Collaborations**

\$900,000 in Donations have been used to leverage **State General Fund**

The OCRF Program Focuses Investments on:

Connecting youth, families, diverse and underserved communities with the outdoors.

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

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



Learn more about the coalition of organizations, businesses, and wildlife and recreation enthusiasts that support the OCRF and how ODFW works to implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and connect people with the outdoors through the OCRF.

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

Ongoing public support for the OCRF Program and its projects shows that Oregonians care about preserving the wildlife and natural spaces that makes Oregon so special



Guardians at Whitaker Ponds

Portland-Metro Based Nonprofit with Nature Focused Programming Statewide

"When we went to Camp Westwind, it was more than an overnight camp to me. It was a full circle moment for me. I went there for the first time as a child. A camp representative literally knocked on our door, trying to find Black girls to go to camp and integrate it. A lot of people were afraid to send their children, but I really wanted to go though I had no idea of what to expect. That experience changed my life and cemented my love of nature. Decades later, I returned with 69 other BIPOC individuals and shared the Westwind experience with them, because of a grant from OCRF. That weekend was magical, educational, and created memories for all of us. Thank you for investing in the BIPOC community!"

People of Color Outdoors: Pamela Slaughter, Executive Director

Plover Patrol Program

Volunteer Intuitive to Recover the Threatened Western Snowy Plover on the Coast

"The support from OCRF has really helped our ability to develop a robust community science program. We've recruited and trained dozens of interested members of the public to contribute important data that is informing conservation and management efforts of this imperiled species. This collaboration allowed volunteers to locate and protect the nests of over 60 nesting Snowy Plovers throughout the North Coast this past year."

Portland Audubon: Allison Anholt, Coastal Community Science Biologist



Photo credit: Mark Thompson



Boulder Creek Wilderness

Roseburg Based Nonprofit for Veterans Focused on Trail Stewardship

"Our work in the Umpqua National Forest is an opportunity for veterans to connect with the community and break isolation. This work became even more urgent because we are working along the most popular long-distance trail which has sustained major damage due to wildfires. Our trail work on public lands addresses some of the major challenges the veteran population faces such as PTSD, depression, and suicide that are attributed to a lack of purpose. Our OCRF-funded project, in the Boulder Creek Wilderness area, has positively impacted the lives of the participants. This is what a post-9/11 veteran has opened up and shared: "...raising my son and being a part of this project are the only two things that have kept me from taking my life over the past 1 1/2 years. I've contemplated it numerous times but couldn't ever admit it, until now."

Source One Serenity: Elena Lininger, Co-Founder



Oregon's Future Belongs To All
Anyone can be a conservationist



OCRF Biennial Report – 2023/2024 Benchmarks

Bringing creativity and inclusion to our application process to meet the needs of Oregon's wildlife, wild places, and outdoor opportunities for all.

Providing state-wide leadership and intention to bring important Drought Package dollars where they are most needed around the state.

Forging new partnerships to leverage additional funds to support the mission of OCRF.

OCRF Community Engagement

Recent and Upcoming Presentations:

ODFW OCRF Grant Recipient Webinar – January 13th, 2023

Oregon Conservation Open House – February 1st, 2023

Oregon Trails Association Funding Panel – February 7th, 2023

ODFW OCRF Grant Application Webinar – February 17th, 2023

ODFW OCRF Grant Application Webinar – March 10th, 2023

Agenda Item 5:

OCRF Winter 2023 Grant RFP

Now Open – Winter 2023 Call for Proposals

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming opportunity for funding for conservation and recreation projects in 2023.

- **The Winter 2023 Request for Proposals is a two-part application processes - an online questionnaire and emailed written project proposal.**
- Grant applications accepted for approximately 60 days.
- The maximum allowable grant request per institution and/or organization will be \$50,000.
- Any public or private non-profit organization may request funds. Private non-profit organizations must have tax-exempt status under the IRS Code Section 501(c)(3).
- A newly required cap on institutional/organizational indirect overhead rates at 20% of the requested project budget.
- Updated project insurance guidelines.

Interested Applicants should visit:

<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/conservationstrategy/OCRF/grants.asp>

Agenda Item 5:
Public Comment

Agenda Item 6:
Meeting Wrap-up