

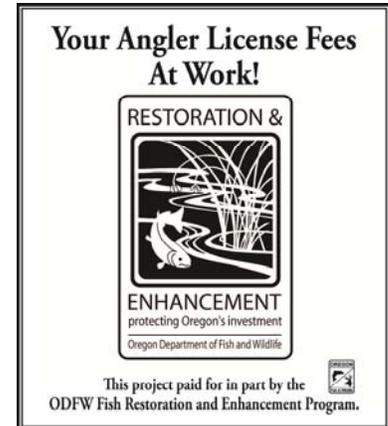
Summary of the Duties and Responsibilities of a Member of the Restoration and Enhancement Board (R&E Board)

The Fish and Wildlife Commission appoints the seven-member Restoration and Enhancement Board to study potential projects and make recommendations for project funding. The R&E Board consists of citizens from around the state that represent the commercial fishing industry (3 positions), sports interests (3 positions) and one position that represents the public.

The R&E Board recommends a balance between restoration and enhancement type projects as well as ensures recommended projects benefit sport and commercial fisheries. As part of the review process, the Board holds public meetings at least every 120 days throughout the state seeking public comment on projects being proposed. Projects recommended by the R&E Board will be forwarded to the Commission for review and final approval.

The Restoration and Enhancement Program (R&E) is grant program that provides \$4-6,000,000 per biennium to fishery projects throughout Oregon. The grant program was established June 29, 1989, when the Oregon Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Act of 1989 was signed into law. The program was reauthorized by the Legislature in 2009, extending its benefits to Oregon citizens and state fish resources through December 2019.

Funding for the R&E Program comes from a dedicated surcharge on angling licenses (\$1-\$10), commercial gillnet permits (\$74), troll permits (\$64), and commercial salmon and steelhead landings (\$.05 per pound). Funding is used to increase recreational fishing opportunities and improve commercial salmon fisheries by restoring state-owned fish hatcheries, enhancing natural fish production, expanding hatchery production, and providing additional public access to fishing waters.



Responsibilities include:

1. Attending scheduled R&E Board meetings held at various locations throughout the state. These meetings occur 3-4 times per year and typically last from one to two and a half days and may require overnight stays of one or two nights at an area hotel. Meetings are typically held in a conference room environment requiring that a member be seated for several hours. Regular attendance is required.
2. Attending a tour of local field projects that are a part of the quarterly meeting. Field tours usually last about a half-day and occur in an outdoor setting. Tours may occur during inclement weather or may require walking on a variety of surfaces including natural or uneven ground. Attendance of all field trips is strongly encouraged and at least one field trip per year is required of each member.
3. Preparing for scheduled meetings by reviewing grant applications. This can include researching information necessary to make a decision, visiting a project site, or contacting staff or applicant. On average the R&E Board reviews between 15 and 25 projects per cycle. However, this can range from only a few to over 40.
4. Traveling to and from the meetings in a personal or private vehicle or in an arranged carpool.
5. Serving as Vice-Chair and Chair for at least once prior to the end of a second term.

Board members are encouraged to get to know the ODFW facilities and staff in their local area, participate in or get to know STEP or similar activities or groups in their area, and meet with other individuals and groups related to the position they represent. Board members may also be asked to participate in other ODFW advisory committees.