

March 15th, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

***Private Forest Accord
Mitigation Advisory Committee Meeting***

Virtual Meeting



Agenda Item 1:

***Call to Order. Roll Call, & Approval of
Agenda***



Agenda Item 2:
Consent Agenda

Agenda Item 3:
Public Comment



Agenda Item 4:

Committee Operating Procedures & Governance



MAC Operating Procedures & Governance

- What are Operating Procedures?
 - Defines how the MAC governs itself, conducts business, makes decisions, runs meetings
 - Step-by-step instructions for the MACs routine operations essentially
 - The role of Chairs, Committee Voting Members, Ex-Officio Members, and ODFW Staff.
- MAC OPs Section Headers
 - Background
 - Purpose
 - Focus of Mitigation
 - MAC Membership
 - MAC Committee Duties
 - MAC Meetings
 - MAC Recommendation Procedures
 - MAC Officers
 - MAC Officer & Member Duties
- Comments/Discussion



Agenda Item 5:

Mitigation Fund & Budget Update and Overview

Agenda Item 6:
**Oregon Administrative Rules and 2023
Schedule Updates**

PFA Oregon Administrative Rules

- **What are OARs?**

- Authorizes ODFW to implement the program
- Sets procedure and practice requirements for the program
- Provides clarity, transparency, and accountability.
- OAR 183.310(9) Administrative Procedures Act definition of rule

- **Complimentary/Guiding Documents & Subcommittees**

- Operating Procedures *(Drafted)*
- Expenditure Framework *(Drafting)*
- Grant Evaluation Criteria *(Drafting)*
- Solicitation/RFP & Associated Docs *(Drafting)*
 - *RFP has roughly 7-9 associated documents requiring additional approval



PFA Expenditure Framework

- Outlines:
 - PFA Background
 - Purpose of the Mitigation Fund
 - Funding Mechanisms
 - Allowable Expenditures
 - Grant Types
 - Metrics of Success
- Provides Clarity
- Adaptive Document
- Drafting for Spring MAC review

Private Forest Accord Mitigation Fund

Framework for Expenditures from the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Fund

Intent of Document

This document intends to outline the funding mechanisms and types of expenditures within the Private Forest Accord Mitigation Fund (PFAMIT). Information in this document is aimed at providing clarity to staff, the Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC), and the public. It will be updated over time to maintain a source of consistent information.

Legislative Background

The Private Forest Accord (PFA) Mitigation Fund (Fund) was established in the 2022 Legislative Session (Senate Bills [1501](#) and [1502](#); [House Bill 4055](#)) as an outcome of the landmark agreement to recommend changes to the Forest Practices Act. Details of the agreement among the timber, conservation, and fishing groups were captured in the Private Forest Accord Report (Report), including a mitigation chapter. The Private Forest Accord resulted in updated private forest land rules to protect aquatic species better. The new rules are meant to support a programmatic HCP (HCP) for aquatic species covering almost all regular forest practices. HCPs provide increased legal certainty to the landowning community, benefits to imperiled species, and a structured path to science-based changes. HCPs may also include mitigation, defined herein as:

"...Avoiding, minimizing, rectifying, reducing over time, and compensating for impacts on natural resources." - Pg. 139. Private Forest Accord Authors Report to Legislature, quoting HCP Handbook from USFWS and NOAA Fisheries.

While the character and number of imperiled species affected by covered activities can be challenging to measure, the Private Forest Accord Report authors nonetheless recognized that some direct effects from forestry are likely to harm some members of the covered species. Therefore, the Private Forest Accord included this substantial Fund under the control of the Fish and Wildlife Commission and advised by the MAC.

Purpose of the Fund

The legislature and Report provided the structure and purpose for mitigation. First, the Fund offers a wide range of potential actions for mitigation. Given the millions of acres covered by the PFA and the diverse habitat types and species needs across those acres, many different mitigation measures might benefit covered species. Second, the Fund does not require a match from grantees or recipients. The authors recognized that there are ample efforts underway to assist covered species and improve or protect habitat. Yet, the authors agreed that in some cases, work was delayed for lack of matching funds. The authors recognized that the Fund might play a critical role by providing a match or independent funding, thereby accelerating existing efforts. Third, the authors recognized that mitigation for forest practices

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Grant Evaluation Criteria

- Purpose:
 - Decision Making
 - MAC & Technical Reviews
 - Ranking & Scoring Criteria
 - Provides & Aligns Projects with Priorities
- Accountability & Transparency
- Adaptive Document
- Drafting for Spring MAC review

PFA Grant Evaluation Criteria
Review and Evaluation Worksheet

Reviewer: _____ Applicant: _____

Project Name: _____

PFA Mitigation Fund restoration projects must provide a public benefit by supporting measures that offset the take of covered species in the PFA Habitat Conservation Plan to the maximum extent practicable.

*ALL project proposals must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:
(Add X to each box below before moving onto Section A review)*

- The project demonstrates sound principles.
- The project uses methods adapted to the project locale.
- The project complies with state land use planning goals and is compatible with acknowledged comprehensive plans.
- The project follows professionally science-based accepted restoration approaches resulting in ecological or watershed benefits.
- The project has well-defined and measurable goals, objectives, and outcomes.
- The project applicant is eligible for funding.

Total Score for Section A: _____ / xx Points
Total Score for Section B: _____ / 12 Points

Cumulative Total (Section A + B): _____ / XX Points

Recommend project for funding? (Circle one): Yes | No

ing based on the following:

	SELECT ONE		
	SOMEWHAT (POINTS 1)	CONSIDERABLE (POINTS 2)	EXCEPTIONAL (POINTS 3)
ferences, including:			
CERTAINTY OF SUCCESS Based on the organizational capacity of the applicant, what is the likelihood the project will meet its objectives.			
BENEFIT TO OREGON PLAN & PRIVATE FORESTS Benefit to the Private Forests and Oregon Plan for Salmon & Watersheds.			
COST BENEFIT Project costs relative to the anticipated benefits.			

Total Score for Section B: _____ / 12 Points



PFA Programmatic Guidelines

- RFP/Solicitation
- Purpose:
 - A-Z document for applicants
 - Provides Clarity, Transparency, & Priorities for program
 - Home of grant template docs *(next slide)*
- Adaptive Document
- Drafting for late Spring/Early Summer MAC review



Programmatic Guidelines

- Additional documents to be associated with these guidelines:
 - Grant Management System Login Guidance
 - Application Template
 - SOW Outline (*possibly*)
 - Budget Template
 - Insurance Template
 - Board Resolution Template
 - Advancement Template
 - Grant Agreement Template



Updated 2023 Timelines

1. [OAR Timeline & Procedural Requirements – Aug. Adoption](#)
2. [Overall PFA 2023 Updated Timeline](#)



Agenda Item 7:

Committee Closing Comments & Meeting Wrap-up