

FY 2011 - OREGON FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Jeff Merkley

Please fill in ALL applicable fields!

Name of Project: Canada Goose Agricultural Depredation Control Plan	
Location: County(s): NW Oregon and SW Washington Counties	City: Numerous Locations
If the project will take place at a separate location, please also provide the address of the project:	
Requesting Organization: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	
Describe the organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private, or non-profit entity. Public agency – management of state fish and wildlife resources and habitats	
<p>Project Description: The NW Oregon / SW Washington Canada Goose Depredation Control Plan was developed by the NW Oregon / SW Washington Goose Depredation Working Group and approved by the Pacific Flyway Council in 1998.</p> <p>The NW Oregon / SW Washington Canada Goose Depredation Control Plan has been a cooperative effort by landowners, wildlife management and wildlife damage control agencies, and researchers to address the problem of increased goose damage to agricultural crops in the Pacific Northwest. To be most successful, plan activities must be continued for several years to allow development of programs to influence goose use of private lands. The NW Oregon / SW Washington Canada Goose Depredation Working Group will continue to work toward establishing a long-term program to lessen the economic impact of increased goose use of this region.</p>	
<p>How will the funds be spent? Please provide a detailed description of how the funds will be used and indicate whether funds will go toward <u>construction</u>, <u>planning</u>, or <u>programming</u>.</p> <p>The funds will be spent to implement the NW Oregon / SW Washington Canada Goose Depredation Control Plan including research at Oregon State University, personnel to provide assistance to landowners, managing hunting seasons designed to reduce depredation, monitoring goose populations to evaluate success, and enhancing alternative goose foraging areas. Following is a more detailed explanation of the annual operational program needs:</p> <p>Oregon State University Research: \$100,000 (OSU) Funding would continue research by Oregon State University looking at goose distribution in N.W. Oregon and preferred field crops for foraging. This can assist land managers in focusing depredation control efforts in the most appropriate areas and assist in developing habitat bases most used by geese.</p> <p>Direct Landowner Assistance: \$581,000 (Wildlife Services) This funding will allow additional personnel / equipment from U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services (WS) to respond to landowner requests for assistance, and keep geese from damaging important croplands. WS has been unable to respond to all requests for assistance. In addition, assistance is currently not available for the entire time the geese are in the wintering area. (\$422K/OR, \$159K/WA)</p> <p>Hunting Programs: \$267,000 (States of Oregon and Washington, US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)) Hunting programs offer the best approach to directly control regional goose populations and assist in keeping geese off of croplands, while conserving declining subspecies of geese. Funding has been used to expand hunting to new areas and provide additional hunting days, by improved funding for hunt season monitoring and operation of hunter check stations. Opportunities exist in to provide additional hunting areas and season days, to assist in further reducing goose damage. (\$145K/OR, \$75K/WA,</p>	

\$47K/USFWS)

Plan monitoring and evaluation: \$25,000 (USFWS)

Accurate information is lacking on the size, distribution, and composition of the Canada goose population in the region. Continuation and enhancement of goose population monitoring efforts is required to assess progress toward plan goals, and evaluate success of the plan in reducing goose damage. This request would provide additional personnel, aerial survey funds, and equipment to provide adequate management information.

Goose forage enhancement, Landowner Programs: \$1,027,000 (USFWS)

The plan places a high priority on reducing goose damage by providing high quality alternative habitat on public lands and private lands, but funding has not been available to address this need. New funding is needed to rehabilitate existing pastures used by geese, establish new pastures and food plots, and restore wetlands used by geese adjacent to pastures. Other landowner incentive programs would be explored to allow continuation of farming but provide financial incentives for landowners to allow goose use.

How is this project a good use of taxpayer funds? Reduction of economical impacts on agricultural industry and creation of jobs.

Bill or Report Language Requested (if applicable, please provide language requested and indicate whether you are seeking bill or report language): Unknown

Anticipated Appropriations Subcommittee Bill and Account:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Migratory Bird Office

Federal Dollars Requested in FY11 from the account list above: \$2.0 million in expense funding

Is this a multi-year project? No/Yes?

Yes

Will you be requesting funding in future years?

Yes

Often funding cannot be provided at the level requested. Is there a minimum amount that could be obligated to advance the project? If so, please list the amount and how it would be used.

A working group could prioritize activities for any amount of funds received. There are multiple facets to the overall program and funds received would be matched with cost share funds to implement priorities identified by the working group.

Are you seeking FY11 funds through other federal accounts? If yes, please specify account(s).
No

Previous Federal Appropriations (Please indicate which appropriations bill(s) and year(s) received): FY 99 – USFWS, \$575,000

FY 00 – USFWS, \$246,000

FY 01 – USFWS, \$270,000

FY 02 – USFWS, \$800,000

Have you pursued or received federal grant or ARRA funding? If yes, which Department and program and how much have you requested and received? No

Non-federal Contribution (Please identify funding amount and who is contributing):

Cost-share from Oregon and Washington wildlife agencies - \$250,000

Total Cost of Project: \$2,250,000 in expense funding, including cost share

Amount for this project in President's FY11 Budget Request: \$0

Authorizing Statute (if authorized): NA
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How many jobs will be created by this project? What type of jobs? 20-30 state seasonal check station personnel, Department of Agriculture – WS personnel, state law enforcement personnel

Does your company or organization have any plans to move or close your facilities, reduce operations, or reduce employment in Oregon? Potential with state budget shortfalls

Is your company or organization currently engaged in, or does it plan to become engaged in, any merger or acquisition talks with an outside company or organization? No