

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fisheries Restoration and Enhancement Act, adopted in 1989 and re-authorized through 2019, directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) to restore Oregon's fisheries. The program is funded from a surcharge on all sport fishing licenses and by commercial salmon permit and poundage fees. A seven-member Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) Board (Board) reviews all projects and provides recommendations to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) for project funding.

For cycle one for the 2013-15 biennium, the R&E Board recommended funding for 20 projects, totaling \$1,019,164, and funding for program administration costs totaling \$537,280 at their meeting in Medford on April 25th and 26th.

If the Commission adopts the Board's recommendations, \$1,556,444 of the \$4,664,893, spending limitation for the 2013-2015 biennium will be allocated.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

R&E Board meetings are "public meetings" under the Oregon Public Meetings laws. Notice of upcoming meetings is provided to interested persons, announced in the R&E/STEP publication "FishWorks," listed on the department website and distributed to statewide and local media via a news release.

ISSUE 1

RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT APPROVALS

ANALYSIS

A summary of all projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachments 2-4).

OPTIONS

Option 1. Approve R&E Board recommendations.

Option 2. Reject individual projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTIONS

Option 1

I move to approve the recommendations of the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board (with the following exceptions...)

EFFECTIVE DATE

June 6th, 2013.