

**RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT (R&E) PROJECT APPROVALS:
PROJECT SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

2017-2019 Biennium – Cycle 5 of 7

The R&E Board met in Klamath Falls on May 18, 2018 to review seven proposals and one modification. They recommended funding all of the project proposals. Four board member votes are required to pass a project funding recommendation; seven board members attended the meeting. This attachment includes a summary of the recommended projects and Board review.

Copies of applications are available on the R&E project website
<https://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/RE/>

The R&E Board recommends funding the following projects:

Restoration	
Project Number:	17-053
Project Title:	North Coast STEP Fish Totes
Project Type:	Hatchery Maintenance
Sponsor:	ODFW - North Coast Watershed District
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 6,192
Match:	\$ 3,447 (\$3,296 Volunteers, \$151 ODFW)
Total Project Cost:	\$ 9,639
<u>Project Summary</u>	
Replace aging fish totes at Big Creek and Klaskanine Hatcheries used in Stream Enrichment, food bank, and processing needs for the Young's Bay and Lower Columbia tributaries. Uses benefit anadromous & resident native fish in addition to food bank recipients.	
<u>Board Summary:</u> Votes: 7Y, 0N	
The Board supported this project after discussion on the relevance of the match listed in the application.	

Enhancement

Project Number: 17-044
Project Title: Pine Hollow boat ramps
Project Type: Access
Sponsor: South Wasco Park & Recreation District
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 154,620
Match: \$ 28,882 (\$3,000 donations, \$16,048 in-kind, \$2,500 Wasco Electric Co-Op, \$6,480 Wasco County, \$854 South Wasco Park and Rec)
Total Project Cost: \$ 183,502

Project Summary

After 42 yrs. of use the north boat ramp, was condemned and blocked off by the County. The new Marine Board designed ramp will replace the ramp and secure long term access that will be lost if not constructed by the end of 2018. This is being done in conjunction with a Marine Board repair of the south ramp. ODFW pays approximately \$14,000 annually to maintain a minimum pool of 1,200 acre feet in this reservoir for the purpose of fisheries and recreation.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

This project had previously been approved for \$93,750 but the Marine Board was not able to provide the additional funds. The Board supported this project after a lengthy discussion related to why R&E was being asked to fund nearly all of this project. The board commended the applicant and Marine Board for their efforts to ensure the project moves forward. The Board expressed concern with the lack of interest by Wasco County to back the parks district, which ultimately prevented Marine Board funding.

Project Number: 17-045
Project Title: B-Bar-K Cascade Ranch - Lost Cr Fish Screen
Project Type: Passage
Sponsor: ODFW - Central Point Screen Shop
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 25,060
Match: \$ 35,547 ODFW Fish Screening Program
Total Project Cost: \$ 60,607

Project Summary

Project will provide water regulation, downstream passage and protection to juvenile salmonids and other native fish through the construction of a fish screen, bypass, and headgate at an unscreened ditch. The current situation allows for streamflow losses, and out-migrating salmonids and other fish to be lost during the irrigation season.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

The Board supported this project after a brief discussion related to the value of this part of the watershed to salmon and steelhead populations in the basin.

Project Number: 17-046
Project Title: Long Creek Reservoir Spillway Replacement
Project Type: Opportunity
Sponsor: ODFW - Enterprise
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 19,165
Match: \$ 9,080 ODFW
Total Project Cost: \$ 28,245

Project Summary

This project aims to replace the emergency spillway at Long Creek Reservoir with a steel structure that will require minimal maintenance. A properly maintained reservoir facility will ensure continuation of the recreational fishery, and protect downstream interests.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

The Board supported this project after a brief discussion related to need for project and status of permitting.

Project Number: 17-048
Project Title: Wildhorse Creek Fish Passage
Project Type: Passage
Sponsor: Umatilla Basin Watershed Foundation
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 54,808
Match: \$ 693,796 (\$412,000 CTUIR, Umatilla County \$40,000, \$23,000 Landowner, \$10,000 City of Athena, \$150,000 ODFW, \$10,000 UBWC, \$48,796 OWEB)
Total Project Cost: \$ 748,604

Project Summary

The (UBWC) and partners are collaborating with the City of Athena and Umatilla County Public Works to address fish passage and habitat in Wildhorse Creek near Athena, Oregon. Fish passage at the South 3rd Street Bridge is a statewide priority and will provide access to an additional 15.4 miles.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

The Board supported this project after a very brief discussion.

Project Number: 17-050
Project Title: Jefferson City Boat Ramp Refurbishment
Project Type: Access
Sponsor: ANWS Mid-Valley Chapter
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 7,384
Match: \$ 13,306 (\$15,000 City of Jefferson, \$2,000 ANWS Mid-Valley Chapter)
Total Project Cost: \$ 20,690

Project Summary

The current boat ramp paving is deteriorating. The plan is to remove the existing pavement, pack base rock where necessary, install reinforcing steel to ensure long term integrity of the cement work, place cement, texture surface with drainage and tire tread grip.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

The Board supported this project after a discussion on why R&E should be used to pay for this when there is so much non-angler use. This will maintain angler access but a larger effort to solve the conflict issue needs to be initiated.

Project Number: 17-052
Project Title: Equipment for John Day Invasive Fish Management
Project Type: Monitoring
Sponsor: ODFW - John Day Field Office
Enhancement/Restoration: Enhancement
Funds Requested: \$ 21,686
Match: \$ 0
Total Project Cost: \$ 21,686

Project Summary

This grant will fund the acquisition of electrofishing equipment that will be used to manage and collect information on distribution and abundance of native and invasive fish in lotic environments throughout ODFW's East Region.

Board Summary: Votes: 7Y, 0N

The Board supported this project as it will be good for conservation and monitoring but they felt that items like this should be part of the agencies base funding.

Modifications

A new a full-time Limited Duration (LD) Construction Project Manager 1 within the Recreational Fisheries Section of Fish Division is being established. This position will provide staffing necessary to implement R&E funded access and hatchery projects to directly benefit the angling community.

Staff have identified \$110,000 in savings and funds shifts to fully fund the position for the rest of the 2017-19 biennium. The R&E and STEP Program budget would be increased by \$64,000, from \$925,877 to \$989,877. \$64,000 would be moved from an approved access project that has been provided other ODFW funding. \$46,000 would be moved around within the existing program budget from various adjustments and savings.

Board Summary: Votes: 6Y, 1N

The Board supported this project after lengthy discussion on the need for the position, value of the position, adding staff to R&E account, and the need to evaluate the benefits of the position. The Board is also in support of funding this LD position through the end of the 19-21 biennium, but will take official action on that during the 2019-21 R&E budget review. At that time the Board will assess the assumptions and outcomes of the position and determine if additional funding is appropriate.