



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The Commission will be asked to approve funding for 11 Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) projects and biennial operations funding.

The R&E program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 to help fund fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state using a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees. R&E Program funds deposited in the dedicated account can be expended only for defined program activities.

The program is overseen by a seven-member citizen board consisting of three sport fishing representatives, three representatives of the commercial salmon industry and one representative of the public. The R&E Board meets three or four times each year, in various communities throughout the state, to review applications for project funding; hear public testimony; act as liaisons between the program and the public; and to conduct other program business.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The R&E Board met March 16, 2021 to review grant applications. During this meeting, an opportunity for public comment was provided. R&E Board meetings are open to the public and considered “public meetings” under the Oregon Public Meetings laws. Notice of upcoming meetings is provided on request, listed on the ODFW website, and distributed via news release to statewide and local media.

ISSUE 1

Approve the R&E Board recommended Operational Funds and Cycle 21-1 R&E projects.

ANALYSIS

The R&E Board recommended 11 projects totaling \$936,064 and operational funding for the 2021-23 biennium. This is the first of four funding cycles for the 2021-2023 biennium. If the Commission adopts these recommendations, \$1.85 million of the biennium allocation will remain. This remaining balance will likely increase due to carryover funds once the 2019-21 biennium ends. A summary of the projects recommended for funding is presented in the staff report (Attachment 2).

OPTIONS

Option 1. Approve the R&E Board recommended administrative budget and projects in Attachment 2.

Option 2. Reject budget items or individual projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1: Staff recommends approving the program budget and recommended projects.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the 2021-23 operational funding and cycle 1 projects, as recommended by the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board, as set forth in Attachment 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021