

## Attachment 7

### 2023-25 ODFW Town Halls Input Received

Comments	Response
<p>April 12 - 15, 2022</p> <p>When is Recovering America's Wildlife Act likely to pass? What will it fund?</p>	<p>Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) is not factored in to the proposed 2023-25 ARB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There is still significant uncertainty about when and if the RAWA will pass. RAWA funds are still too hypothetical to incorporate in to the budget at this point.</li> <li>2. If it becomes law this summer, USFWS will need to promulgate rules that will clarify exactly what we would be able to apply the federal funds to. Until then, any proposed use of RAWA funds is speculative.</li> <li>3. There are pathways available to update the 23-25 budget request if/when RAWA passes and we need to adapt. ODFW staff are working internally to be prepared for that possibility.</li> <li>5. The first apportionment of RAWA dollars would come with authorization to obligate those dollars over two years.</li> <li>6. We should make budget decisions based on the best strategic approach to implementing our mission—and it will be a great outcome if it turns out we have RAWA to support that work.</li> </ol>
<p>Given that ODFW "owns" Clackamas thru a long-term lease with USFWS, can IJA money be used to fund improvements to that structure?</p>	<p>The IJA team will look into this, at this time there is no program dedicated for infrastructure rebuild, especially state infrastructure. But new solicitations under the act are being described regularly.</p>
<p>Funding to USDA APHIS Wildlife Services - how much in 2021-2023?</p>	<p>The pass-through General Fund in our base budget is \$433,000. We did receive a one-time increase of \$200,000 with the 2021-23 budget, so this biennium's total is \$633,000.</p> <p>The statute I referenced is ORS 610.020 that requires the Commission set aside at least \$60,000 General Fund a year for the Predatory Animal, Rabbit and Rodent Control Fund.</p>
<p>Trends in Pittman-Robertson Act funding - still increasing or shifting down?</p>	<p>Funding appears to have peaked, but remains at a high level. We anticipate a decline in the near future, but allocations in 21-22 Federal Fiscal Year was up over 20-21.</p>
<p>Concerns over private elk damage in NE Oregon.</p>	<p>Several efforts (ex Oregon Solutions, Elk Damage Tags) occurring to develop options and tools to address. Agency committed to continue to have conversations and work with landowners.</p>