



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The Restoration and Enhancement (R&E) program was created by the Oregon Legislature in 1989 to help fund fish restoration and enhancement projects throughout the state. The program is funded by a surcharge on sport and commercial fishing licenses and commercial poundage fees and is overseen by a seven-member citizen board made up of three sport fishing representatives, three representatives of the commercial salmon industry and one representative of the public. The R&E Board issues four requests for proposals each biennium and 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

Public comment on applications for funding is taken at R&E board meetings, which are considered “public meetings” under the Oregon Public Meetings laws. Notice of upcoming meetings and the proposed agenda is provided on request, listed on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) website, and distributed via news release to statewide and local media.

ISSUE

Approve the recommended R&E projects.

ANALYSIS

On March 15, 2022, the R&E Board recommended six projects totaling \$368,572. This is the third of four funding cycles for the 2021-2023 biennium. If the Commission adopts these recommendations, approximately \$582,000 of the biennium allocation will remain.

A summary of the projects recommended for funding is presented in Attachments 2 and 3.

OPTIONS

- Option 1. Approve the R&E Board recommended projects set forth in Attachments 2 and 3.
- Option 2. Reject all projects.
- Option 3. Reject individual projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1: Staff recommend approving the recommended projects.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the projects recommended by the Fish Restoration and Enhancement Board as set forth in Attachments 2 and 3.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 2022.