

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

2023-2025 Biennium – Cycle 2 of 4

The R&E Board met in person on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in Tillamook, Or. During the meeting, the R&E Board recommended funding two project proposals that were submitted. Four board member votes are required to pass a project funding recommendation; six of seven board members attended this meeting.

This attachment includes a summary of the recommended projects and a summary of the R&E Board review.

Copies of applications are available on the R&E Grant Application Website <https://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/RE/> by selecting cycle 23-2. The R&E Board recommends funding the following projects:

### Restoration

There were no Restoration projects submitted in this cycle.

### Enhancement

Project Number:	23-017
Project Title:	Siletz River Basin pHOS Study
Project Type:	Monitoring/Research
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Mid-Coast District
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 167,045.00
Other Funds:	\$ 12,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$ 179,045.00</b>

#### **Project Summary**

Mid-Coast ODFW staff will conduct a basin-specific study to determine the extent of overlap between hatchery-origin and wild winter steelhead spawners in the Siletz basin. Monitoring currently occurs at the strata level (i.e., multiple basins), whereas this study will assess the proportion of hatchery origin spawners (pHOS) on the spawning grounds at a finer scale within this basin. This information is needed to evaluate compliance of the existing winter steelhead hatchery program with measures outlined in the *Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan* (CMP), which in turn will inform adaptive management needs and options for the program.

#### **Board Summary: Votes: 4Y, 3N**

The Board supported the project after discussion about how and if this project provides a direct benefit to the angler. Board stated that data collection is very important and information regarding how many hatchery fish are in the basin does support better fisheries management decisions. For example, if pHOS is over 10%, maybe bag limits could be increased, if pHOS is lower than 10% maybe smolt releases could be increased. The three “no” votes were because three board members did not see a direct benefit to the angler.

Project Number:	23-018
Project Title:	Vernonia Lake Fishing Docks
Project Type:	Angler Access
Sponsor:	City of Vernonia
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 186,318.00
Other Funds:	\$ 18,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	<b>\$ 204,318.00</b>

**Project Summary**

The fishing docks at Vernonia Lake need to be replaced, they are nearly 25 years old, made of pressure treated wood, and over time have become waterlogged and unstable. The floats have started falling off, which is limiting the buoyancy of the docks, creating a safety hazard for anglers. In addition to replacing two existing docks, a new walk on dock will also be installed which will be used for kayak and non-motorized boat launching.

**Board Summary: Votes: 4Y, 3N**

The R&E Board supported the project in a split decision. The board agreed that this project has direct benefits to the angler and thought it was a good use of R&E funding, and some board members felt that the applicant should have more match funding for the project. The three “no” votes from the board were because of the lack of match funding coming from the applicant.