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## Grant Application Cover Sheet

Please complete the following coversheet. See the grant application guidelines on our website [www.myowf.org/grants](http://www.myowf.org/grants) to complete your application. Volunteer organizations without nonprofit status must have a tax-exempt fiscal sponsor. You may scan and email this cover sheet and your application.

### About You

- 1 Project Title: Kevin Duckworth Dock River Access
- 2 Organization: Human Access Project
- 3 volunteer organizations without nonprofit status, list your fiscal sponsor:
- 4 Tax id number (not required for governmental applicants): 46-0958790
- 5 Project Manager Name:Willie Levenson Title: Ringleader
- 6 City: Portland Address: 707 SW Washington Street, Suite 1500 Zip Code: 97205
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Tell us about yourself (brief biographical statement): Human Access Project's mission is to Transform Portland's Relationship with the Willamette River. Our vision is simply A City in Love with its River. HAP was the catalyst in creating two new public beaches on the Willamette River, which Oregon Wildlife Foundation supported with grant funding.

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- 9 Have you applied for a grant from Oregon Wildlife Foundation before? Yes  No
- 10 If "yes", what was the name of the project? Poet's Beach, Audrey McCall Beach

### About Your Proposed Project

- 11 What type of project are you proposing? Fish  Wildlife  Other
- 12 Will it address an Oregon Conservation Strategy habitat or species? Yes  No   
If "yes", please name the habitat and/or species addressed:Juvenile Salmon (dock is in non-shallow water area)
- 13 Proposed start date: July 5<sup>th</sup> Anticipated end date: September 15<sup>th</sup> (for this summer then ongoing)
- 14 Project Location (attach map): Floating section of Eastbank Esplanade, near Steel Bridge Nearest town or city: Portland County: Multnomah
- 15 Has a local, state, or federal biologist reviewed this project? Yes  No   
If "yes", what is their name? Phone: ( )- - email:
- 16 If "no", what is your plan for an external review of the project? n/a
- 17 Estimated project cost: \$21,000 (including \$6,000 cash match) Funding you are requesting: \$5,000
- 18 How will you use the requested funds? Dock ladders to support public access improvement and enjoyment of the Willamette River.
- 19 What will you accomplish (ex.,stream miles enhanced, acres planted? New access point will be added to Portland's second largest public space and natural area, the Willamette River.
- 20 Check the following box to be added to our email distribution list:

### Project Abstract/Summary

- 21 Limited to 750 characters. *Do not begin your narrative here or link to other pages:* Kevin Duckworth Dock is located in the Willamette River, south (upstream) of the Steel Bridge and attached to the Eastbank Esplanade in the Lloyd District Neighborhood. This dock was funded, in part, through a grant received from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) in 1997. The OSMB



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empowering the lasting conservation of fish and wildlife and citizen enjoyment of our natural resources grant stipulates that the only permissible use at the Duckworth Dock is motorized boating. City of Portland has requested that OSMB expand the permissible uses of this grant to allow fishing, non-motorized boating, and swimming, which are now currently prohibited. This modification is anticipated to be approved at the May 13<sup>th</sup> OSMB hearing. OWF funding will be used to fabricate and install ladders on the Duckworth dock which will greatly improve public access.

## Certifications

- 22  Check here to certify that you have already or will obtain necessary permits from all requisite agencies *as applicable to the proposed project*.
- 23  I have included pre-project pictures or video as well as a picture or video entry of myself.
- 24  I understand that I'm required to submit a Project Completion Report, copies of any publications or social media posts crediting the Foundation's support, and post-project pictures at the completion of my project.
- 25  I warrant that I am the legal owner of all pictures and video submitted in application and grant permission for the Foundation to reproduce, exhibit, or publish them for all general purposes in relation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation's work.
- 26 Signature of Applicant or Authorizing Official: \_\_\_\_\_

*Willie Lowensay, Human Access Project*



## Project Narrative – Kevin Duckworth Dock River Access

### **1. Describe your organization and the work that it does.**

#### *Organization Background*

Human Access Project's (HAP) mission is to Transform Portland's Relationship with the Willamette River. Our vision is simply A City in Love with its River.

For any cause, if hope is lost the battle is over. But there is every reason to feel hopeful about the Willamette River. After a history of abuse and neglect our river is now swimmable. While there is much work ahead, there is also much to celebrate.

A significant portion of Portland's population, both children and adults, have a disconnected relationship with the Willamette River. Locals have for many years felt our city's waterway is a lost cause, impossible to restore, and beyond repair. HAP's charge is to shake up and wake up our community through education and outreach, evangelizing the greatly improved water quality, creating inviting river access points, and developing exciting programming that coaxes people to experience the joy of the Willamette River.

As Jacques Cousteau said so well, "People protect what they love." There is a clear nexus between recreation and stewardship, and the physical and psychological benefits of a river are undeniable. Leveraging this nexus is the core strategy of HAP's mission work.

At 4,000 acres, the Willamette River is Portland's second largest public space and natural area. It is owned by the citizens of Oregon, yet less than 5% of the central city of Portland has access to the river's edge. As Portland grows denser with population it will be very difficult to create more "green space." The Willamette River is Portland's untapped "blue space" – space that provides needed relief from our increasingly built environment.

An urban swimming dock provides a place for water recreation without the burden or carbon footprint of leaving town and spending money on park or public pool fees. Docks also have the benefit of taking pressure off more sensitive shallow water areas. Urban swimming offers working-class families and people without vehicles free, equitable access to nature and recreation in their own backyard. Docks, beaches, parks and spaces with river access have great potential to be community spaces that bring people together and connect them to nature.

For the past ten years, HAP has spearheaded Portland's "Riverlution" of culture change, developing positive, collaborative relationships with businesses, city government, environmental peers and everyday people. Incrementally, the intangible work of culture change is showing tangible signs of traction. HAP's programs are growing. Every summer more people are swimming in the river. HAP drove the opening of both Poet's Beach and Audrey McCall Beach, Portland's first two recognized swimming beaches. Both of these natural areas have had immediate acceptance as new recreation outlets in the city.

HAP is affecting city and state policy-making and driving the movement to do what has never been done before: open swimming beaches, docks, and new access points to the Willamette River in Portland, providing a free, equitable resource that utilizes our city's untapped "blue space" and reduces car traffic out of the city.

HAP is determined to be a catalyst in Portland, connecting residents with their river and cultivating a culture of river stewardship.

*Highlights of HAP's work include:*

**Poet's Beach** After four years of work, in 2017 HAP successfully advocated to open Poet's Beach, the City of Portland's first official swimming beach. It features a swim line, and a path lined with stones engraved with children's poems and Chinook Wawa words provided by Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Oregon Wildlife Foundation funded this beach access project.

**Audrey McCall Beach** Between 2012-2016, HAP literally unearthed a beach by removing 19 tons of concrete and rubble and over 30 sunken pier pilings from the shores of the east bank of the Willamette River, under the Hawthorne Bridge. HAP successfully advocated for \$300,000 in City funding for a public process to design a beach park at this site. Last year HAP worked with the City of Portland Parks and Recreation to privately fundraise and pull all permits to add a seasonal lifeguard program. Oregon Wildlife Foundation funded concrete removal for this beach access project.

**The Big Float (TBF)** is a family friendly environmental movement disguised as a party. In 2019, over 4,000 people took part and 60% stated it was their first experience being in the Willamette River. Over the last nine years over 25,000 people have participated in this event.

**River Hugger Swim Team** – HAP's recreational protest swim brings attention to the extreme deficit of water edge access in downtown Portland. In 2019 the "Huggers" completed their seventh season. From mid-June to early September the Huggers swim across the Willamette River from east to west Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and after work Tuesdays and Thursdays from the Hawthorne to the Morrison Bridge and back. Last year over 300 individuals participated and 100 paid for season passes. This was a 50% increase from 2018. Funds raised pay for safety kayakers, a Hugger manager and storage for swimmers. In partnership with Portland Fire and Rescue, HAP installed two aluminum ladders on this dock, very similar to what is proposed at Duckworth Dock with this grant proposal.

**Ross Island Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Mitigation** HAP successfully galvanized and is leading a group of city and state officials, businesses, and environmental peers to create circulation to prevent HABs from forming and improve salmon habitat in the Ross Island Lagoon. This process is ongoing and on track to solve a problem that will have tremendous impact on wildlife ecology and recreation if not fixed.

*Recognition of work*

In 2018, the American Society of Landscape Architects – Oregon awarded HAP Ringleader Willie Levenson with their Tom McCall Award. ASLA stated, "Willie Levenson received the Tom McCall Award to honor his outstanding community leadership and careful stewardship of Oregon's natural environment. Levenson has reshaped and redefined Portland's relationship with the Willamette River".

## **2. Identify the need for the proposed project; an outline of it; and the anticipated benefits upon completion.**

The principal benefit of your grant will be creating a new public access point to the Willamette River. The need is directly evidenced by the increase of people swimming in the river, which has been witnessed over the last several summers.

Demand is further supported by Portland's 2035 planning effort, an extensive multi-year planning and public outreach process that revealed the desire for increased swimming areas in the city. Last summer, HAP funded a lifeguard program at Audrey McCall Beach. The activation of this beach area immediately brought increased usage. Adjacent to Audrey McCall Beach is the Holman Dock which is arguably the most popular active swimming area on the Willamette River in downtown Portland. Portland Parks and Recreation surveys from Poet's Beach reaffirmed that people in Portland do in fact desire to recreate in and around the Willamette River.

### *Statement from Landscape Architecture firm MIG (attached)*

As recreation specialists, when we looked at Duckworth in the Central City Dock Swimming Study, it was clear that due to its proximity to transit, adjacency to a multi-use path system and its accessibility from the booming Lloyd District, Duckworth Dock has significant capacity for more water-oriented recreation. At 11 feet in width and 290' long, Duckworth Dock offers more square footage than the popular Holman Dock (just south of the Hawthorne Bridge) and is more than twice as long. It also is larger than the Firehouse Dock (just north of the Hawthorne Bridge) and better configured for recreation. Not only is Duckworth Dock the longest dock downtown, it has less potential for user conflicts than Holman Dock, which was designed for non-motorized boat launch and is adjacent to downtown's primary boathouse.

Its size and configuration gives Duckworth Dock the most recreation capacity of any of the docks downtown. Since deep water can be accessed from both sides of the dock, recreationists can use both sides to access the water. Its length gives it more linear water's edge than the other public downtown docks. As the concept shows, Duckworth Dock has space to accommodate swimmers, anglers and non-motorized boaters, while still serving as a stopping point on the Willamette River for boaters of all types.

In addition, use patterns for the recreation activities that will take place at the dock vary by activity. People who fish tend to do so in the morning and evening, and they also like to fish on cloudy days. Spring and fall salmon seasons attract anglers to the river. Swimmers tend to prefer sunny summer afternoons, also a popular time for non-motorized boaters. The Holman Dock has demonstrated that non-motorized boats and swimmers can share a space. The advantage of Duckworth is that it is not adjacent to a boat house or a parking lot, and likely will not be a launch point for non-motorized boaters, rather more of a destination and resting point.

## **3. Quantify your outcomes (i.e., acres planted, stream miles enhanced, etc.)**

First outcome of completion is doing the work as proposed, installing ladders, bike racks and place-making signage. Portland Bureau of Transportation and Human Access Project will track use by number of people and their use. Portland Parks and Recreation (managed by Mayor

Wheeler), Portland Bureau of Transportation (managed by Chloe Eudaly) and Go Lloyd (the economic development arm of the Lloyd District), and Friends of Green Loop have all made commitments to help promote the re-envisioned Duckworth Dock. We expect acceptance from the community will be near immediate. Because the Dock is so long, it uniquely provides opportunities to be near the river and maintain social distancing in the time of COVID-19.

**4. Identify who or what entity will manage or operate the project once it's completed.**

Portland Bureau of Transportation in partnership with Human Access Project.

**5. Describe how the Foundation will be recognized for its funding support.**

Oregon Wildlife Foundation will be recognized on the Human Access Project website, social media and newsletter. Oregon Wildlife Foundation will be included in the press release for the opening day and invited as a speaker.





# FLOAT

BIKE PARKING GATEWAY

DIVE LADDER PLUNGE LADDER FLOP LADDER DIP

MOTORIZED DROP OFF AREA (50')

LADDER PADDLE REEL LADDER KAYAK CAST

FISHING POINT

WELCOME TO THE

# DUCKWORTH DOCK PILOT





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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **MAY 09 2013**

HUMAN ACCESS PROJECT  
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Employer Identification Number:  
46-0958790  
DLN:  
17053043457003  
Contact Person:  
JERRY FIERRO ID# 31119  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
July 9, 2012  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.



**Commissioner Chloe Eudaly**  
City of Portland

Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 Southeast Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

May 1, 2020

Greetings Tim,

I am writing in support of the Human Access Project's (HAP) fundraising efforts to open a new access point in the heart of Portland for swimming, fishing, and non-motorized boating. HAP has been working on making this vision a reality for five years and has developed broad support for this innovative pilot project.

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) manages the Kevin Duckworth Dock. We are excited about collaborating with HAP to pilot the visioning of a dock that provides a broader array of uses. PBOT has worked closely with HAP over the last five years to work out the mechanics of opening the dock for fishing, swimming, and non-motorized boating, we are now ready. HAP has a proven track record of getting things done and developing strong, collaborative relationships with their partners.

The Willamette River is Portland's second-largest public open space, owned by the citizens of Oregon. It has the potential to be a free, accessible resource for people of all Portlanders. But today, only 5% of the central city has access to the river's edge. That will change in the coming years. And as greater access is created, more people will enjoy the health benefits of our river. Further, when people can form a greater connection and relationship with the Willamette River, our community will care more about our river and want to protect its watershed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of supporting HAP and the City of Portland once more in developing a new access point to the Willamette River. Oregon Wildlife Foundation investments have had considerable impact in creating greater access to our city's river, creating an ever-growing base of lovers and stewards. This modest investment will have a tremendous impact on connecting people with the Willamette River.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly



Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 Southeast Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

April 30, 2020

Mr. Greseth,

I am writing in support of Human Access Project's efforts to activating the Duckworth Dock. I have been working with Willie Levenson and the Human Access Project in multiple roles: as the chair of the resident committee in the Lloyd Community Association, the Executive Director of Friends of Green Loop and as a volunteer for the Human Access Project.

The Lloyd is currently home to over 2,500 residents and is growing. Annually, over 800,000 people visit the Oregon Convention Center and 2 million people visit the MODA Center. Lloyd also has the best transportation in the city. It is the only neighborhood in the city of Portland that has 3 lines of MAX going in both directions and 2 lines of streetcar. It is closely connected to the Eastbank Esplanade, which allows easy access to the city center by bike and with the addition of the Green Loop, the Lloyd will become a major pedestrian and bicycle throughway. The only mode of transportation we need is water.

A few years ago, a resident approached me and asked me if we could activate the Duckworth Dock. They believed it could be a great asset to the Lloyd neighborhood. As I looked into it, everyone I spoke to referred me to Willie Levenson and the Human Access Project. After meeting with Willie, I was impressed with his knowledge of the issue at hand, the potential of the project and his passion for connecting people with the Willamette. In short time I went from asking for his help to supporting his efforts to turn the Duckworth Dock into a platform for swimming, boating and fishing. I also became a supporter and volunteer of the Human Access Project and one thing I've learned is that HAP gets things done and done right.

The Duckworth Dock has breathtaking views of the Willamette, looking north is a unique line of sight view the Steel, Broadway and Fremont Bridge - especially at sunset, to the south is a the Burnside Bridge and a fantastic view of the Portland Oregon sign and downtown. It is very Instagram-able and should provide a fantastic place for residents and visitors to enjoy and get the best pictures in Portland.

We hope that you support Human Access Project's effort to make the Duckworth Dock a premier access point to the Willamette River and we look forward to spending many summer sunsets enjoying the view.

Thank you,  
Keith Jones  
Executive Director  
Friends of Green Loop





Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 Southeast Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

May 1, 2020

Greetings Tim,

I am writing in support of the Human Access Project (HAP) and its fundraising efforts to open a new access point in the heart of downtown Portland for swimming, fishing, and non-motorized boating. HAP has been working to make this vision a reality for five years and has developed broad support for this inventive pilot project.

Go Lloyd is the transportation management association for the Lloyd neighborhood, of which the Kevin Duckworth Dock is a part. Providing greater access to the Willamette River, improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and creating walkable and bikeable destinations are priorities for Go Lloyd. The organization is pledging \$5,000 in matching funds to support HAP's grant application, as well as the addition of bike racks, place making signage and ladders at the Kevin Duckworth Dock.

Once outfitted with ladders, the dock will be an amazing new amenity for our neighborhood residents and employees. The Duckworth Dock is adjacent to a major transportation hub at the Rose Quarter Transit Center, making this destination easily accessible to Portland residents outside of the Lloyd neighborhood. HAP has a proven track record of getting things done and developing strong, collaborative relationships with their partners.

The Willamette River is Portland's second largest public open space, owned by the citizens of Oregon. It has the potential to be a free, accessible resource for people of all socioeconomic backgrounds. But today, only 5% of the Central City has access to the river. That will change in coming years. As greater access is created, more people will enjoy the health benefits of our river, both psychological and physical. Further, when people are able to form a stronger connection to it, our community will care more about the river and protecting its watershed.

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Sincerely,

Paul Comery  
Employer Outreach and Pedestrian Program Manager  
Go Lloyd



Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler  
City of Portland

April 29, 2020

Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 Southeast Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

Greetings Tim:

I am writing in support of Human Access Project's (HAP) fundraising efforts to open a new river access point at Duckworth Dock in the heart of downtown Portland for swimming, fishing and non-motorized boating. HAP has been working with the City of Portland on making this vision a reality and has developed broad support for this pilot project.

Creating greater access to the Willamette River is a priority for my administration. We have worked closely with HAP to open Poet's Beach as a public swimming area in 2017, and Audrey McCall Beach last year. HAP has a proven track record of getting things done and developing strong, collaborative relationships with their partners.

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modest investment will have tremendous impact in connecting people with the Willamette River.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ted Wheeler', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor Ted Wheeler





May 1, 2020

Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 SE Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

Subject: Increasing Access to the Willamette River at Duckworth Dock

Dear Mr. Greseth:

I am writing in support of Human Access Project's efforts to open Duckworth Dock for boating, swimming and fishing access to the Willamette River. The Willamette River is Portland's largest public space, yet direct access to the river remains out of reach for most people. One of downtown Portland's most promising river access points is the Kevin Duckworth Memorial Dock. This dock, long underutilized due to its limitation for motorized boating use, is in a central and highly visible location.

As a landscape architect, recreation planner, and principal at MIG, Inc, I have worked with HAP and Willie Levenson over the years, offering pro bono services multiple times on behalf of the firm and volunteering on my own with my family. MIG is a planning and design firm with 11 offices, including in downtown Portland. For nearly four decades, MIG has worked with public, private and nonprofit agencies and their constituents throughout the United States to effectively address any issue on the planning and design spectrum related to parks and recreation—concept to construction, strategic plan to master plan, historic preservation to open space conservation, sustainability to feasibility, and everything in between.

HAP's vision is "A city in love with its river", and its mission is to transform Portland's relationship with the Willamette River. We've supported HAP's work for years, including preparing the Central City Dock Swimming Study and creating the initial concept for Duckworth Dock activation. This past month, we donated services again in support of the Duckworth Dock pilot project. The reason we offer our services is because MIG know HAP is making a difference in expanding inclusive access to the Willamette River, one of our City's greatest treasures.

As recreation specialists, when we looked at Duckworth in the Central City Dock Swimming Study, it was clear that due to its proximity to transit, adjacency to a multi-use path system and its accessibility from the booming Lloyd District, Duckworth Dock has significant capacity for more water-oriented recreation. At 11 feet in width and 290' long, Duckworth Dock offers more square footage than the popular Holman Dock (just south of the Hawthorne Bridge) and is more than

twice as long. It also is larger than the Firehouse Dock (just north of the Hawthorne Bridge) and better configured for recreation. Not only is Duckworth Dock the longest dock downtown, it has less potential for user conflicts than Holman Dock, which was designed for nonmotorized boat launch and is adjacent to downtown's primary boathouse.

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In addition, use patterns for the recreation activities that will take place at the dock vary by activity. People who fish tend to do so in the morning and evening, and they also like to fish on cloudy days. Spring and fall salmon seasons attract anglers to the river. Swimmers tend to prefer sunny summer afternoons, also a popular time for nonmotorized boaters. The Holman Dock has demonstrated that non-motorized boats and swimmers can share a space. The advantage of Duckworth is that it is not adjacent to a boat house or a parking lot, and likely will not be a launch point for non-motorized boaters, rather more of a destination and resting point.

Oregon Wildlife Foundation's support to improve access at Duckworth Dock will benefit all Portlanders and those who treasure the Willamette River. On behalf of MIG, I thank you for considering HAP's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren Schmitt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren Schmitt, ASLA, AICP  
Principal

April 27, 2020

Hi Tim -

I am writing in support of Human Access Project's (HAP) fundraising efforts to open a new access point in the heart of downtown Portland for swimming, fishing and non-motorized boating. HAP has been working on making this vision a reality for five years and has developed broad support for this inventive pilot project.

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) originally funded the dock for short-term boat moorage, through a grant with the City of Portland. The dock has not seen a lot of use, and the folks at HAP have come up with a creative vision for re-purposing the dock for a variety of users. In May, OSMB is scheduled to take action on closing out the grant terms with the City of Portland, in order to move forward with this re-purposing. As a member of the Marine Board, I am in full support of this re-envisioning.

The Willamette River is Portland's second largest public open space, owned by the citizens of Oregon. It has the potential to be a free, accessible resource for people of all economic backgrounds and ethnicities. But today, only 5% of the central city has access to the river's edge. That will change in coming years. And as greater access is created, more people will enjoy the health benefits of our river, both psychological (spiritual and mental) and physical (through exercise). Further, when people are able to form a greater connection and relationship with the Willamette River, our community will care more about our river and want to protect its watershed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration supporting HAP, the City of Portland and OSMB to bringing greater access to our city's river. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 503-754-1480.

Sincerely,  
Laura Jackson  
OSMB Member



May 1, 2020

Tim Greseth  
Executive Director  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation  
901 Southeast Oak Street #103  
Portland, OR 97214

Greetings Tim:

I am writing in support of Human Access Project's (HAP) fundraising efforts to open a new access point in the heart of downtown Portland for swimming, fishing and non-motorized boating. HAP has been working on making this vision a reality for five years and has developed broad support for this inventive pilot project.

Travel Oregon has identified improving river recreation as a key opportunity to enhance visitor recreation in Oregon. And specifically creating greater access to the Willamette River would provide an awesome healthy recreation opportunity for locals and visitors alike, truly opening up the river to all. This project exemplifies these efforts, transforming an underutilized dock into an amazing asset that opens the river to all.

Travel Oregon wants visitors to experience firsthand the beauty of the Willamette River. And to recreate in our river we need more safe access points. Travel Oregon is interested in investing in destination development providing access to the outdoors. The Kevin Duckworth dock does this, with the added bonus of being in close proximity to the Convention Center and hotels. We worked closely with HAP to open Poet's Beach and Audrey McCall Beach. HAP has a proven track record of getting things done and developing strong, collaborative relationships with their partners.

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Sincerely,

*Scott Bricker*

Scott Bricker  
Director of Product Development