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Re: Coho Response to Beaver Dam Analogues: OWEB Landscape Effectiveness Monitoring Grant

Dear Selection Committee:

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) supports the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council's Coho Response to Beaver Dam Analogues (BDAs): OWEB Landscape Effectiveness Monitoring grant proposal for the continuation of the Nehalem Beaver Dam Analogue Pilot Study.

BDAs have been implemented successfully in eastern Oregon and restoration practitioners were eager to implement BDAs on the Oregon coast as a cost-effective restoration tool to support Endangered Species Act-listed salmonids. However, no studies had yet determined their effectiveness on the Oregon coast.

A critical outcome of this Pilot Study is a data-driven advancement of an exportable BDA design and construction methodology for the entire coastal region, and a practitioner workshop to share this valuable information.

ODFW participated in the development and implementation protocol of the long-term effectiveness monitoring, and in the collaboration and review of the site specific final design metrics. Completing this Pilot Study will provide valuable information on the use of BDAs as a restoration tool to support salmonids coast-wide in the future.

Best regards,

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