

PROJECT NOTES

Project 20-09 Camp Creek

In conjunction with the Oregon Department of Wildlife, the Foundation is requesting **\$10,000** to implement a large wood debris project on Camp Creek, a Molalla River tributary in Clackamas County. The Molalla River watershed is a high priority for recovering listed populations of winter steelhead and spring Chinook. The funding will pay for an Olympic Resource Management equipment operator and faller to add large logs to a 2 mile section of Camp Creek. Dave Stewart, ODFW stream restoration biologist will manage the project.

Provided that the other pending funding is approved, this application meets our match requirements, funding requirements and is supported by ODFW.

Proposed Action: Approve contingent upon receiving other funding.

Project 20-10 Shade Monitoring

The North Clackamas Watershed Council is requesting **\$5,000** to perform a drone study of the shading on the Rinearson, Boardman and River Forest watersheds to determine what progress has been made in shading these streams since 2013. The North Clackamas Watershed Council will distribute the results of the study and proposed next steps to local area residents. This application does not have a letter of support from an ODFW biologist.

This application meets our match requirements but does not have ODFW support. Also, the request includes a portion of the executive director's salary which does not meet our guidelines.

Proposed Action: Request the North Clackamas Watershed Council review their project with the appropriate ODFW biologist and seek support. Explain how the previous 2013 shade analysis was used to identify and prioritize projects. We can vote on line once the North Clackamas Watershed Council responds to our request.

Project 20-11 Plotting for Pollinators

The Coalition for the Deschutes is requesting **\$5,000** for implementing an initiative to provide pollinator habitat. The Plotting for Pollinators goals are to bring local farmers and community members together through their support for bees and to address locally the steep decline in critical pollinator species. For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed locations are not near the Deschutes River.

This application meets our match requirements if other pending funding is approved. While some specific bees are included in the conservation strategy, in general, honey bees are not a wildlife species (based on a quick review of the Conservation Strategy).

Proposed Action: Ask for additional information about how the foundation funds will be spent. Ask if they have applied for USDA pollinator program funding in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Project 20-12 Pilot Oregon Kelp Restoration Project

The Oregon Kelp Alliance, an informal group of members with interests in healthy kelp beds, is requesting **\$5,000** to fund a pilot program to remove purple sea urchins from the Port Orford Reef. The goal of the project is to determine if the harvest can positively effect kelp populations. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is listed as an alliance member but did not provide a letter of support for this program.

This application does not meet our match requirements, with the only alliance member funding from Oregon Sea Farms but is eligible for the Pacific Seafood Environmental Enhancement Fund.

Proposed Action: Approve for funding from the Pacific Seafood Environmental Enhancement Fund subject to confirmation by ODFW that they support this project.

Project 20-13 Kevin Duckworth Dock River Access

The Human Access Project is requesting **\$5,000** to fund fabrication and installation of ladders to allow swimmers access to the Willamette River off the Kevin Duckworth Dock.

While providing access is one of Oregon Wildlife's goals, this application is not associated with the enjoyment of our natural resources as it pertains to fish and wildlife, but does provide access for outdoor recreation.

Proposed Action: Put to a committee vote.

Project 20-14 Yaquina Tidal Wetland Restoration

The Midcoast Watershed Council is requesting \$5,000 this project which addresses the limiting factor of estuary habitat for the recovery of federally listed Oregon Coast Coho salmon. The project restores a 55-acre tidal wetland site along the Yaquina River, where 67.4% of the estuary's vegetated tidal wetland habitat has been lost due to diking.

This application meets our match requirements, funding requirements, is in a priority habitat and is supported by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Proposed Action: Despite the fact our **\$5,000** will be lost in the thousands of dollars from other organizations, this is a great project and we should approve. This project is also eligible for funding from the Pacific Seafood Environmental Enhancement Fund.