



Project Committee Meeting
November 16th, 2023

Old Business

Nehalem River Basin Mitigation Fund Planning Tim proposes that the Foundation move forward with design and engineering on an unknown number of projects that are to be determined by the Nehalem Basin Partnership; reserving ~\$1MM for the protection of select timber stands for future large wood recruitment and riparian zone improvements. This would take the form of a recommendation for the Board to vote on.

Two Rivers Side Channel and Main Stem Project is a multi-partner effort to improve critical habitat conditions in a Wild and Scenic River that supports the recovery of Endangered Species Act (ESA)-listed salmon and steelhead. We will be signing a grant agreement with PGE in early December.

The Estacada Lake Large Wood Fish Habitat project will be constructed at the upstream end of Estacada Lake in partnership with Applied River Sciences and Aquatic Contracting. Five large wood structures will be designed and constructed to provide cover habitat and high velocity refugia for adult salmon and Pacific lamprey. We will be signing a grant agreement with PGE in early December

AtB Grant, Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network implementation planning has begun with Pacific Birds and Klamath Bird Observatory. We have signed an agreement with ODFW for management of these funds in partnership with Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture.

Highway 30 Harborton Frog Crossing Project our feasibility study is almost complete. A more definitive design and engineering cost estimate is being determined to support fundraising. Drafting of the study report and conceptual design has begun.

Oregon Native Trout Challenge – Basalt to Breakers is making steady progress on the Challenge; they've been meeting with industry reps (retail and manufacturer) and we also had a good meeting with Travel Oregon.

Five Rivers Subbasin LWD Helicopter Treatment Project – This is a multi-partner effort to help recover coastal coho through treatment of multiple streams with large wood structures. This project was resubmitted for funding consideration during OWEB's Fall funding cycle.

Deer Creek Willow Planting Project was approved by OWEB for funding. We're waiting for the grant agreement.

Elk Creek Floodplain to Forest Restoration Project - this is an America the Beautiful Grant Program request by ODFW. If it's awarded, OWF will administer these funds in partnership with Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture.

Willamette Valley Resilient Landscapes Project - this is another America the Beautiful Grant Program request by ODFW. If it's awarded, OWF will administer these funds in partnership with Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture.

Big Elk & Sugar Bowl Creeks LWD Project - this is a partnership between ODFW and OWF to treat reaches of Big Elk and Sugar Bowl creeks on land owned and managed by Pacific Forest Trust (PFT); a nonprofit land trust with holdings in Oregon and California. PFT is planning a large thinning project to improve forest health and will set aside select trees for stream placement. OWF funding will purchase some of the trees and pay for equipment rental and operator expenses. ODFW will manage the project and design the



structures.

Forest Park Red-legged Frog Pond Habitat Development – the planned next step is a site visit. Scheduling that has been challenging.

Foster Creek – with regulatory approval, OWF will be the conservation easement holder for the Foster Creek property. The current owners will remain as such until OWF identifies either an organization to take possession of the property or an organization to hold the conservation easement with OWF assuming ownership. The owners will, as a condition of our agreement, make a ~ \$275K endowment gift to cover maintenance and legal defense expenses.

Haek Estate - Umpqua River frontage - the Foundation is now the legal owner of this 2-acre parcel of land on the Umpqua River near Elkton. A small construction company based in Springfield visited the property and is preparing bids for landscape clearing, demolition and removal of a derelict outbuilding, repair of the manufactured home, fence repair/replacement, and gate replacement.

Fly Creek Ranch Conservation Easement - Phil Nance approached the Foundation and asked us to hold a conservation easement on his family's ranch property which is located due west of Grandview (Lake Billy Chinook) at the head of Fly Creek canyon. This is one of a handful of privately owned properties in this area which is part of the [Metolius Mule Deer Winter Range](#). Fly Creek Canyon is also a migration corridor for animals moving from the winter range area to the foothills of the Cascades near and around Black Butte. Tim is bringing the appraisal cost estimate to the Land Conservation & Stewardship committee for approval.

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OCR Strategic Planning - There's a likely support role for OWF to play in communications, fundraising, project development or a combination of these over the next 4 years. The OCRF Advisory Committee anticipates wrapping up their process by middle of Q1 2024.

Coastal Coho Recovery - ODFW has asked OWF to serve as the fiscal administrator for Federal funds they're seeking to support the recovery of coastal coho.

The NE Oregon Wildlife Passage Coalition is beginning to take shape. Tentatively, OWF will be a funder, aggregate \$, and manage the rfp and contracting processes.

West Willamette Restoration Partnership (WWRP) see <https://www.westwillamette.org/partnership-network> for more information about WWRP. OWF will play a fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor role as a member organization of the Partnership.

Urban Ecology Research Consortium (UERC) will hold their 21st annual symposia at Reed College on March 11th, 2024. See <https://www.uercportland.org/> for more information about UERC and their symposia. OWF will play a fiscal agent/fiscal sponsor role on behalf of the Consortium.