

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

2025-2027 Biennium – Cycle 2 of 4

The R&E Board met in person on September 30th, 2025, in Redmond, Or. During the meeting, the R&E Board recommended funding six of the twelve project proposals that were submitted. Four affirmative votes are required to pass a project funding recommendation; five board members attended this meeting.

This attachment includes a summary of the submitted R&E projects from Cycle 2, and a summary of the R&E Board review for each project.

Copies of applications are available on the R&E Grant Application Website <https://nrimp.dfw.state.or.us/RE/> by selecting cycle 25-2.

The R&E Board recommends funding the following projects:

Restoration	
Project Number:	25-014
Project Title:	Hatchery Restoration (R) Bundle 25 – Cycle 2
Project Type:	Hatcheries
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Hatchery Program
Restoration/Enhancement:	Restoration
Funds Requested:	\$ 740,000
Other Funds:	\$ 4,540,000
Total Project Cost:	\$ 5,280,000

Project Summary

Funds requested for this project will be used to complete a list of statewide projects that were prioritized by hatchery coordinators. This priority list of projects includes a new fish pump for Nehalem Hatchery, adding dividers and handrails on the adult holding pond at Big Creek Hatchery, purchasing two new F550 liberation trucks, repairing the water intake for Trask Hatchery, making modifications to the brood pond at Oak Springs Hatchery, add 4 rearing ponds at Cedar Creek hatchery, predator hazing at Clackamas Hatchery, and installing a new public restroom at Bandon Hatchery.

Board Vote Summary: 4-Y, 1-N

Enhancement

Project Number:	25-013
Project Title:	Metolius Pond Pavilion and Improvements
Project Type:	Education/Outreach
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Bend District Office
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 22,000
Other Funds:	\$ 17,800
Total Project Cost:	\$ 39,800

Project Summary

R&E funding will be used to install a pavilion that will be built on site and will serve as a covered area for educational events at Metolius Pond. This pavilion will also provide a shaded area for anglers and families to enjoy an outdoor experience at Metolius pond.

Board Vote Summary: 4-Y, 0-N, 1 abstain

Project Number:	25-017
Project Title:	Canyonville Access Walkway
Project Type:	Angling Opportunity
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Roseburg District.
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 38,970
Other Funds:	\$ 2,800
Total Project Cost:	\$ 41,770

Project Summary

This project is to repair a damaged walkway that provides safe access for ODFW personnel and volunteers to access a broodstock collection facility on Canyon Creek. Adult fish are collected at this location for the South Umpqua Winter Steelhead hatchery program.

Board Summary: Votes: 5Y, 0N

Project Number:	25-019
Project Title:	Siuslaw High School STEP Hatchery
Project Type:	Education/Outreach
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Mid-Coast District.
Enhancement/Restoration:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 54,484
Other Funds:	\$ 111,170
Total Project Cost:	\$ 165,654

Project Summary

This project is to construct and install a recirculating aquaculture system at Siuslaw High School. This new system will enhance the limited existing aquaculture curriculum at the school, and provide hands on learning for high school students that are enrolled in the program. This program at Siuslaw High School will raise rainbow trout that will be released into Cleawox Lake, and will provide eggs for the STEP egg to fry program in the Mid-Coast area.

Board Summary: Votes: 4Y, 1N

Project Number:	25-020
Project Title:	SWWD Fisheries Boat Repower
Project Type:	Monitoring/Research
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, South Willamette District
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 13,123
Other Funds:	\$ 1,320
Total Project Cost:	\$ 14,443

Project Summary

The purpose of this project is to purchase a new, four stroke outboard motor to replace a 31-year-old outboard motor that is currently being used on the South Willamette District's work boat.

Board Summary: Votes: 4Y, 1N

Project Number:	25-021
Project Title:	South Fork Schooner Creek Foot Bridge
Project Type:	Angler Opportunity
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Mid-Coast District.
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 13,425
Other Funds:	\$ 2,500
Total Project Cost:	\$ 15,925

Project Summary

This project is to install a footbridge across the South Fork of Schooner Creek so that volunteers and ODFW staff can safely access the adult brood stock collection facility that is located on the far side of the creek.

Board Summary: Votes: 5Y, 0N

The R&E Board did not recommend funding the following projects:

Enhancement

Project Number:	25-012
Project Title:	Sturgeon Viewing & Interpretive Center Renovation
Project Type:	Education & Outreach
Sponsor:	Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 75,000
Other Funds:	\$ 315,340
Total Project Cost:	\$ 390,340

Project Summary

This project is to provide needed repairs and upgrades to the Sturgeon Viewing & Interpretive center at Bonneville Fish Hatchery. This would include repairs to the sturgeon pond, replacing the roof of the interpretive building, replacing the water spray bar, and removing the silt and improving the habitat within the pond.

Board Summary: Votes: 0-Y, 5-N

Project Number:	25-015
Project Title:	Hatchery Enhancement (E) Bundle - Cycle 2
Project Type:	Education/Outreach
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Hatchery Program
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 10,000
Other Funds:	\$ 10,000
Total Project Cost:	\$ 20,000

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to replace or update educational signage at multiple ODFW hatcheries throughout the state.

Board Summary: Votes: 1-Y, 4-N

Project Number:	25-016
Project Title:	Eastside Electrofishing Boat
Project Type:	Monitoring/Research
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, East Region
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 146,000
Other Funds:	\$ 13,668
Total Project Cost:	\$ 159,668

Project Summary

The intent of this project was to purchase a new, fully functional electrofishing boat that would be used primarily by the East Region districts, and then statewide secondarily. This boat would be used to monitor fish populations and stock recruitment and help establish baseline information should aquatic invasive species become established.

Board Summary: Votes: 1-Y, 4-N

Project Number:	25-018
Project Title:	Investigating Ocean Migration of Steelhead Kelts
Project Type:	Monitoring/Research
Sponsor:	The Wilderness Calling Conservation Initiative
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 43,450
Other Funds:	\$ 53,450
Total Project Cost:	\$ 96,900

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to use pop up satellite tags to monitor ocean migration patterns and geographic limits of Oregon based fish.

Board Summary: Votes: 0-Y, 5-N

Project Number:	25-022
Project Title:	Tillamook Basin Chinook Salmon Abundance Estimates
Project Type:	Monitoring/Research
Sponsor:	Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Corvallis Research Lab
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 130,926
Other Funds:	\$ 79,894
Total Project Cost:	\$ 210,820

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to improve ODFW's ability to provide spawner escapement estimates of Fall Chinook salmon in the Tillamook Basin, use a mark re-capture method in the Trask River, and conduct an area-specific creel survey.

Board Summary: Votes: 0-Y, 5-N

Project Number:	25-023
Project Title:	Canby Pond
Project Type:	Angling Opportunity
Sponsor:	City of Canby
Restoration/Enhancement:	Enhancement
Funds Requested:	\$ 122,000
Other Funds:	\$ 384,700
Total Project Cost:	\$ 506,700

Project Summary

The goal of this project is to dredge out Canby pond and add an aeration fountain to improve water quality and holding capacity to help stocked trout for recreational fishing opportunities.

Board Summary: Votes: 0-Y, 5-N