

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 10% REDUCTION OPTIONS (ORS 291.216)

Attachment 4

Prioritized List of Program Reductions by Fund Type - 2027-29 Budget

Order of Reduction Items	Activity or Program	Describe Reduction	POS	FTE	Fund Type	Total Funds
	Which program or activity will not be undertaken.	Describe the effects of this reduction.				
10% General Fund Reductions			14	12.88	GF	\$ 6,344,974
1	Anti-Poaching Initiative, Advertising, and Outreach	Reduces General Fund for services and supplies related to Stop Poaching Campaign administration and contracting. This would not affect enforcement funding for Oregon State Police.	0	0.00	GF	504,831
2	Ocean Acidification	Eliminates ODFW's ability to participate in the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia. Eliminates OAH Coordinator Position.	1	1.00	GF	\$ 206,503
3	Land Resources Program	Eliminates one position and services and supplies remainder that implements HB 2437 (Agricultural Ditch Maintenance), however the program has not been active. This position also supports tax incentive programs (WHCMP, RLTP), the Natural Resources Damage Assessment spill response coordination, and special projects for Habitat Division. The 2027-29 plan for this position would have been to add duties to support working lands and resilience of lands and waters under the Governor's EO 25-26, in addition to the WHCMP and spill response duties.	1	1.00	GF	\$ 314,373
4	PFA Beaver Management	Eliminates one beaver habitat biologist position and associated services and supplies. The workload originally anticipated for the PFA Beaver Biologist positions has not been recognized, although they are able to contribute to beaver-related restoration work. The workload associated with this reduction would be transferred to other PFA biologists.	1	1.00	GF	\$ 235,411
5	Wolf Program Services and Supplies	Reduces services and supplies funding related to the wolf program. The impact of this reduction would be reduced funding to support collaring and monitoring efforts for Oregon's wolf populations.	0	0.00	GF	\$ 41,921
6	Predator Control: Wildlife Services	This would reduce the contribution to the predatory animal, rabbit and rodent control fund. Moneys within this fund are combined with funds from the Oregon Department of Agriculture and used as part of the overall cost-share with USDA – Wildlife Services and participating Oregon Counties to assist with controlling agriculture damage caused by predatory animals.	0	0.00	GF	\$ 110,000
7	Avian Predation	Eliminates the match funding for three positions. This program oversees the development and implementation of complex management strategies to address the impacts of avian predators on salmonids in the lower Columbia River and along the Oregon Coast.	3	2.00	GF	\$ 333,940
8	Water Program	Reduces services and supplies for USGS streamflow gages.	0	0.00	GF	\$ 812,016

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9	Habitat Regional Operations	Eliminates one Private Forest Accord Stream Biologist (PS and S&S) from southeastern Oregon where the private forestland activities are fewer and demand for ODFW review of landowner survey information has not materialized. Geographies for remaining stream biologists would be re-drawn and surrounding positions would assume this position's workload.	1	1.00	GF	\$ 301,805
10	Marine Reserves	Reduces budget for marine reserve sampling (biological, ecological, and environmental) but maintains ability to analyze data, develop a marine reserves adaptive management plan, and maintain some level of community engagement.	5	5.00	GF	\$ 2,336,056
11	Private Forest Accord GIS Analysts	Eliminates position. Would impact the statutory requirement for Private Forest Accord reducing coordination with numerous ODFW staff, including PFA information systems specialists, business analysts, field staff and Habitat Division staff to ensure ODFW business and ODF business operations are adequately supported. Additionally, coordination with contractor staff and ODF staff to prepare and deliver fish presence/fish habitat data to ODF would be impacted.	2	2.00	GF	\$ 594,508
12	District Biologists	Eliminates two Assistant District biologists. Reduces fisheries management, data-informed decision-making, and customer service throughout Oregon. Would likely result in loss of fishery opportunity and restoration/protection of habitat.	2	2.00	GF	\$ 553,610
10% Lottery Funds Reductions			2	2.00	LF	\$ 783,653
1	Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS) Planning	Reduces services and supplies funding related to conservation actions/strategies identified in the OCS that are implemented by ODFW staff, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public. This program facilitates conservation by identifying and developing partnerships for implementing the OCS, identifying priority fish and wildlife conservation needs and providing a process for reviewing and updating the OCS.			LF	164,804
2	Native Fish --> IFSP	Native Fish Investigations (NFI). Eliminating these positions would reduce capacity to conduct research on native trout, lamprey, and non-game species that allows for the conservation of these species. This group is integrally involved in identifying, guiding, and scientifically implementing actions that prevent listing under the Endangered Species Act and improve the status of species already on the list (i.e., moving toward recovery and de-listing).	2	2.0	LF	618,849
10% Other Funds Reductions			101	50.09	OF	\$ 29,121,456
1	Capital Improvements	Reduces the agency's ability to undertake major improvements to agency capital assets. Reduces the Restoration and Enhancement program, which restores state-owned hatcheries, enhances natural fish production, expands hatchery production, and provides additional public access to fishing waters.	0	0.0		848,502

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2	Predator Control	Eliminate program to address concerns caused by bear, cougar, furbearers, and wolves. This reduction would result in reduced services or assistance to landowners for addressing damage caused by bear, cougar, furbearers, and wolves.	0	0.0		138,217
3	Hydropower Program	Eliminate 10 positions in the hydro program. This would exacerbate fish and wildlife losses at existing and new hydropower facilities. Department would lose ability to participate in licensing and relicensing with WRD and FERC. This would also reduce the capacity for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation.	10	10.0		2,613,298
4	Central Services	Eliminates two positions and reduces services and supplies in HR. Eliminates leadership development SS and a portion of the safety fund services and supplies. Reduces services in the financial services division in accounting, licensing, realty, and budget and economic programs, by eliminating 5 positions and services and supplies. Reduces services and supplies for building and business operations at headquarters. Reduces services and supplies for ELS system enhancements. Eliminates two positions in information services and reduces capacity for internal application development and a portion of the services and supplies budget for Information Services.	7	7.0		5,662,190
5	Dedicated & Obligated Accounts: AISPP and Tax Check-off	Reduce the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) team that conducts watercraft inspections, provides public education and outreach, and implements other related activities to protect Oregon against aquatic invasive species. This would also eliminate expenditure limitation related to the Nongame Wildlife Fund (tax check-off), which helps conserve the state's wildlife and their habitats.	14	9.3		1,670,148
6	Landowner Technical Assistance	Reduce the program which provides assistance to landowners for enhancement of private property for fish and wildlife habitat. This funding is currently used for wildlife habitat projects for numerous species, including mule deer. This reduces the Department's ability to proactively provide financial support to these types of projects.	0	0.00		865,846
7	Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program	Reduces the majority of the STEP program, reducing the agency's ability to work with volunteers to rehabilitate and enhance the populations, habitat and fisheries of native salmon, trout and other fish managed by the Department.	10	2.6		668,949
8	Ocean Acidification	Eliminates ODFW's ability to participate in the Oregon Coordinating Council on Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia. Eliminates OAH Coordinator Position.	1	0.1		29,500
9	Columbia River Investigations	Reduces the Columbia River Investigations program. Significantly reduces ODFW's ability to manage white and green sturgeon as well as the recently listed Eulachon species.	18	3.6		797,579
10	Communications Division	Eliminates PSR 3. Reduces ability to respond to public inquiries and provide customer service.	1	1.0		221,994
11	Alsea Hatchery	Closes Alsea Hatchery. Eliminates winter steelhead and rainbow trout production.	3	3.0		914,856

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12	Damage, Green Forage & DEAR	Eliminate programs to assists landowners with habitat improvement. This program also assists landowners with damage issues. Reduction in this program would impact the Department's ability to address damage impacts and support implementation of the Mule Deer Plan.	0	0.0		348,870
13	Dedicated & Obligated Accounts (Game Birds, Fee Pheasant, Bighorn Sheep, Pronghorn, Rocky Mtn Goat)	Reduce the services and supplies expenditure limitation in multiple dedication programs. The purpose of this program is to manage game birds, bighorn sheep, pronghorn and mountain goats using the dedicated and obligated fees collected for these purposes.	0	0.0		437,205
14	Access & Habitat	Reduce the Access and Habitat program project expenditure limitation. This program funds projects that provide access for hunting and/or improve habitat for wildlife. A reduction in this program would reduce the number of habitat restoration projects and access projects that the program can implement.	0	0.0		1,148,234
15	Screening & Passage ODOT Liason and Project Funding	Eliminating ODFW's capacity to coordinate with ODOT on effective fish passage solutions for their fish passage projects will result in less effective fish passage at ODOT-owned road-stream crossings across the state. It will also put an additional financial obligation on ODOT to compensate for the lost coordination. Additionally, eliminating the ability to utilize funding from ODOT to temporarily offset full fish passage needs at a portion of their projects will reduce the ability to implement necessary fish passage projects at other sites across the state, and impose a large financial and regulatory compliance burden on ODOT to immediately meet fish passage requirements at all of their sites.	2	2.0		6,156,777
16	Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division	Reduces the ability of the Fish and Wildlife Division of Oregon State Police to enforce fish, wildlife, and commercial fishing laws to protect natural resources in Oregon. Reduction would result in loss of 8 Trooper FTE in the Fish and Wildlife Division of Oregon State Police working in the field to provide enforcement.	0	0.0		3,300,000
17	Director's Office	Eliminates one postion in the Director's Office, which reduces ability to track, monitor, and complete agency strategic intitatives, and improve business processes.	1	1.0		441,040
18	Game Management - Wildlife Management	Reduce aerial surveys of big game that collect information on population and distribution trends for big game species.	0	0.0		359,631
19	Inland Fish Science Program	Eliminating seasonal field capacity within the Inland Fish Science Program will greatly reduce the agency's ability to collect data on all freshwater and anadromous fish species (native and non-native), non-fish aquatic species (including beaver and freshwater mussels), and aquatic habitats across the State. This will impact the ability to make management decisions based on sound science for fisheries, hatchery programs, and habitat, and may result in reduced fishing opportunities, constrained hatchery programs, and less effective habitat restoration and protection actions.	30	9.46		1,596,196

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20	Regional Habitat Programs	Eliminates 2 regional habitat positions responsible for terrestrial habitat improvements, hunter access, and estuary restoration [NRS-3 Estuary Restoration Bio in Newport; NRS-2 Assistant Habitat Bio in Bend]. Capacity for supporting working lands and climate resilience would be reduced.	2	2.0		643,599
21	Habitat Division Administration	Reduces expenditure limitation related to the Private Forest Accord program reducing the grant funds available to support projects that benefit the fish and aquatic wildlife species and habitats.	0	0.0		258,825
10% Federal Funds Reductions			145	72.99	FF	\$ 21,472,650
1	Capital Improvements	Reduces the agency's ability to undertake major improvements to agency capital assets.	0	0.0	FF	332,694
2	Sportfish Restoration Fund Boat Ramps	Eliminates disbursements for the purchase, maintenance, and repair of boat ramps for angling access.	0	0.0	FF	1,459,701
3	Avian Predation	Eliminates the federal grant funds for the Avian Predation Program. This program oversees development and implementation of complex management strategies to address the impacts of avian predators on salmonids in the lower Columbia River and along the Oregon Coast.	3	2.0	FF	360,309
16	Habitat Regional Operations	Eliminates five positions in the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program funded by the Bonneville Power Administration as mitigation for the impacts of hydropower in the Willamette Valley. Loss of these positions would significantly reduce capacity for operations and maintenance of WWMP properties owned, managed, or monitored by ODFW and would limit ODFW's ability to meet mitigation service obligations.	7	5.1	FF	704,501
4	Landowner Technical Assistance	Reduce the program which provides assistance to landowners for enhancement of private property for fish and wildlife habitat. This funding is currently used for wildlife habitat projects for numerous species, including mule deer. This reduces the Department's ability to proactively provide financial support to these types of projects.	0	0.0	FF	1,128,831
5	Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program	Reduces the majority of the STEP program, reducing the agency's ability to work with volunteers to rehabilitate and enhance the populations, habitat and fisheries of native salmon, trout and other fish managed by the Department.	10	7.13	FF	1,799,247
6	Columbia River Investigations	Reduces the Columbia River Investigations program. Significantly reduces ODFW's ability to manage white and green sturgeon as well as the recently listed Eulachon species.	35	16.5	FF	4,638,510
7	Hunter Education	Eliminates one position supporting Angler Education and Hunter Education; and, reduces service and supplies budget related to the operation of the mandatory Hunter Education program. Hunter Education is required for youth under age 18 to hunt in Oregon. This reduction would also impact the ability to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters. R3 activities are intended to increase hunting participation and license sales to fund wildlife management and conservation. This reduction would significantly impact the availability of mandatory Hunter Education and recruitment of new hunters which could affect license sales and hunting participation.	1	1.0	FF	711,582

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8	Hunter Education	Eliminates federally funded shooting range grant program and Hunter Education enhancements, equipment and training for volunteer instructors. The shooting range grant programs provides funding for organizations, government agencies and others to develop or improve safe locations for recreational target shooting and Hunter Education training programs. This would also result in reduced availability of mandatory Hunter Education training which could affect hunting participation and license sales which help fund wildlife management and conservation.	0	0.0	FF	305,000
9	Statewide Hatchery Management	Eliminating this position will reduce necessary data and information management across fish hatcheries statewide. Information about fish hatcheries will become less available and take more time to compile if required.	1	1.0	FF	210,411
10	Dedicated & Obligated Accounts: AISPP	Reduce the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) team that conducts watercraft inspections, provides public education and outreach, and implements other related activities to protect Oregon against aquatic invasive species.	6	2.5	FF	499,598
11	Access & Habitat	Reduce the Access and Habitat program project expenditure limitation. This program funds projects that provide access for hunting and/or improve habitat for wildlife. A reduction in this program would reduce the number of habitat restoration projects and access projects that the program can implement.	0	0.0	FF	2,365,589
12	Inland Fish Science Program	Eliminating seasonal field capacity within the Inland Fish Science Program will greatly reduce the agency's ability to collect data on all freshwater and anadromous fish species (native and non-native), non-fish aquatic species (including beaver and freshwater mussels), and aquatic habitats across the State. This will impact the ability to make management decisions based on sound science for fisheries, hatchery programs, and habitat, and may result in reduced fishing opportunities, constrained hatchery programs, and less effective habitat restoration and protection actions.	75	31.4	FF	5,340,967
13	Native Fish --> IFSP	Eliminating this position's federal funding would slightly reduce the capacity to conduct research on the effect of stream temperature on native fish, which is necessary to implement protective angling regulations necessary to conserve native fish populations as environmental conditions change.	1	0.3	LF	41,241