



RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT (R&E) PROJECTS

PROJECT SUMMARIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2025-2027 Biennium - Cycle 3 of 4

The R&E Board met in person on March 5th, 2026, in Salem, Oregon. During the meeting, the Board recommended funding three project proposals. Four affirmative votes are required to pass a project funding recommendation; seven board members attended.

This document summarizes the submitted R&E projects from Cycle 25-3 and the Board's review of each. Applications are available on the R&E Grant Application Website by selecting Cycle 25-3.

The R&E Board recommends funding all of the following projects:

Restoration Projects

No Restoration projects were submitted for consideration in Cycle 25-3.

Enhancement Projects

Project Number: 25-024

Project Title: Whetstone Creek Large Wood

Project Type: Habitat Enhancement

Sponsor: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Central Point

Category: Enhancement

R&E Funds Requested: \$25,000

Other Match Funds: \$68,000

Total Project Cost: \$93,000

Project Summary:

R&E funding will be used to install large wood structures in Whetstone Creek to provide fish cover and overwintering habitat for juvenile steelhead. The project will promote channel sinuosity, pool scour, and bedload sorting while restoring ecosystem function and instream habitat for aquatic species.

Board Vote Summary: 6 Yes, 1 No

Project Number: 25-025

Project Title: Phillips Reservoir Tiger Muskellunge Fyke Nets

Project Type: Monitoring & Research

Sponsor: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, LaGrande

Category: Enhancement

R&E Funds Requested: \$13,291

Other Match Funds: \$309

Total Project Cost: \$13,600

Project Summary:

This project funds the purchase of eight fyke nets that will be used to sample tiger muskellunge in Phillips Reservoir, where they have been stocked to control perch and support trout fishery recovery. Monitoring tiger muskellunge is necessary to manage the fisheries in a way that maximizes recreational benefits to anglers.

Board Vote Summary: 7 Yes, 0 No

Project Number: 25-026

Project Title: GRWB STEP Egg Counter

Project Type: Hatcheries

Sponsor: Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Roseburg

Category: Enhancement

R&E Funds Requested: \$4,000

Other Match Funds: \$8,000

Total Project Cost: \$12,000

Project Summary:

This request is to purchase an egg counter/picker for use at the Gardiner-Reedsport-Winchester Bay STEP hatchery. Accurate egg estimates are essential for proper distribution and for setting balanced feeding schedules while the fish are at the hatchery. The proposed egg counter will improve estimate accuracy and streamline the removal of bad eggs.

Board Vote Summary: 7 Yes, 0 No