



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

ODFW maintains a wide network of offices and facilities across Oregon to support fish and wildlife management, public service delivery, and regional workforce needs. The agency's infrastructure includes more than 30 field and district offices, hatcheries, and other operational sites statewide, many of which were built decades ago and now face significant maintenance backlogs and limitations in their ability to meet modern business, workforce, and community needs.

As part of ODFW's long-term strategic facility plan and recent budget direction, the agency is systematically upgrading offices to improve accessibility for the public, enhance staff safety and workspace functionality, ensure ADA compliance, modernize technology and utilities, and reduce ongoing maintenance liabilities. These upgrades are prioritized in areas where aging facilities hinder customer service or limit staff's ability to operate efficiently.

The existing Pendleton office is a clear example of these challenges. The 1940s converted residence has not met business needs for decades: it is difficult for the public to find and access, lacks adequate workspace for staff, and requires significant deferred maintenance. Leadership evaluated renovation, relocation, and replacement options and determined that constructing a modern office at a new site would provide the greatest long-term benefit for customers, staff, and operational effectiveness.

In 2022, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission approved acquisition of land for the new Pendleton field office. Construction began earlier this year and is expected to be completed in October, with staff moving in by November. With the relocation, the existing office, associated outbuildings, and land no longer serve a business need. Proceeds from their sale will help offset construction costs for the Pendleton and Redmond office projects as part of ODFW's broader infrastructure modernization strategy.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The public has an opportunity to provide comments prior to (in writing) or (orally) during the hearing that occurs at the Commission meeting.

ISSUE 1

Sale of the Pendleton ODFW office to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

ANALYSIS

The office and land are located within the boundary of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). The land includes a fish acclimation facility that has been operated under a cooperative agreement with CTUIR for many years.

In 2022, ODFW received approval from Oregon Department of Administrative Services to directly sell the property to CTUIR as allowed by OAR 125-045-0221 (2)(b). Shortly after,

ODFW and CTUIR signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the appraised value of \$680,000.

If the sale is approved by the Commission, we will move toward closing with an anticipated closing date of December 2, 2026.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the Department moving to close on the sale of 40.54 acres of land and improvements to CTUIR.
2. Reject the property sale.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: ISSUE 1

1. Approve the Department closing on the sale of 40.54 acres of land and improvements to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

DRAFT MOTION:

I move to approve the Department moving to close on the sale of 40.54 acres of land and improvements to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Effective Date: *September 18, 2026*