

Clackamas Partnership receives \$3.4M for habitat improvements

Board invests in environmental restoration projects

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Clackamas Partnership is receiving more than \$3.4 million from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to support fish habitat restoration in the Clackamas River Basin.

The total grant of \$3,454,580 was finalized at last month's board meeting addressing ecological priorities through "clear and measurable outcomes through a strategic action plan which is implemented by a high-performing partnership. Clackamas Partnership — which includes regional, state and federal entities, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and nonprofit organizations — plans a total investment of \$8,744,080 over six years to benefit chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead and other native fish species. The partnership estimates leveraging an additional \$5 million for the 2019-2021 biennium from other funding sources to support their efforts.

"This project is a great investment of the state's lottery dollars," said Meta Loftsgaarden, executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. "This investment benefits native fish species while improving water quality and supporting the local natural resource economy."

The board awarded a total of \$12,669,145 in Focused Investment Partnership Implementation funding for the biennium, including the award to the Clackamas Partnership and to other Oregon environmental groups in the John Day River Basin, Baker County, Warner Basin and Rogue Basin.

Funding for these projects comes from two primary sources, the Oregon Lottery and Pacific Coast salmon-recovery funds provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.