

WATERSHED BOARD SELECTS CLACKAMAS PARTNERSHIP FOR \$3.4 MILLION GRANT FOR FISH HABITAT RESTORATION

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The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board selected the Clackamas Partnership to receive a Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Implementation grant of \$3,454,580 at their January 15-16, 2019 board meeting in Cannon Beach.

A FIP is an OWEB investment that addresses one of seven ecological priorities identified by the board that achieves clear and measurable outcomes through a strategic action plan which is implemented by a high-performing partnership.

The Clackamas Partnership includes regional, state and federal entities, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and non-profit organizations. The partnership was awarded \$3,454,580 of a 6-year planned total investment of \$8,744,080 to support fish habitat restoration in the Clackamas River Basin benefitting chinook salmon, coho salmon, steelhead, and other native fish species.

The partnership estimates leveraging an additional \$5,000,000 in the 2019-2021 biennium from other funding sources to support their efforts.

“This project is a great investment of the state’s Lottery dollars,” says Meta Loftsgaarden, OWEB’s executive director. “This investment benefits native fish species while improving water quality and supporting the local natural resource economy.”

The OWEB Board awarded a total of \$12,669,145 in Implementation FIP funding for the 2019-2021 biennium, including the award to the Clackamas Partnership. Each selected Implementation FIP received a grant that is part of a 6-year total planned investment and will bring funds from other sources to the project.

-- John Day Basin Partnership (John Day River Basin) – \$4,000,000 of a planned 6-year total \$12,000,000 to support fish habitat restoration in the John Day River basin to benefit steelhead, spring chinook salmon, bull trout, and other native fish species.

-- Baker Sage-Grouse Local Implementation Team (Baker County) – \$1,714,565 of a planned 6-year total \$6,124,908 to pursue habitat restoration actions benefitting imperiled sage-grouse.

-- Warner Basin Aquatic Habitat Partnership (Warner Basin) – \$2,000,000 of a planned 6-year total \$5,863,000 to increase fish habitat connectivity throughout Warner Basin benefitting native fish species, Warner sucker and Warner Lakes redband trout.

-- Rogue Forest Restoration Partnership (Rogue Basin) – \$1,500,000 of a planned 6-year total \$6,000,000 to improve forest health for numerous native wildlife species and to decrease the threat of wildfire in the community.

In addition, the OWEB Board awarded a total of \$296,274 in Development FIP funding, which will help partnerships work together strategically:

-- The Intertwine Alliance Oak Prairie Working Group (metropolitan Portland-Vancouver) – \$69,300 for the 30+ members to support planning efforts for oak conservation.

-- Salmon SuperHighway (Oregon Coast) – \$90,750 for the numerous member state and federal agencies and non-profit organizations to build their partnership and plan for salmon/steelhead restoration.

-- Pure Waters Partners (McKenzie River) – \$136,224 for partnership building and strategic planning among the member organizations.

Funding for these projects comes from two primary sources – the Oregon Lottery and federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery funds provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Additional information on each of these partnership initiatives can be found on OWEB’s website at <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/about-us/Pages/board/2019-Jan.aspx>