

March 1, 2007

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Ken Bierly, Deputy Director
Tom Shafer, North Coast Regional Program Representative

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item F: OWEB Grant Award Recommendations
Region 1, North Coast
March 14-15, 2007 OWEB Board Meeting**

I. Introduction

This staff report describes the North Coast Regional Review Team recommendations, special issues, and staff recommendations for funding.

II. Background

The table attached to the Overview report contains the numbers and types of applications received and dollar amounts requested. The North Coast Regional Review Team (RRT) met at the Beverly Beach State Park on January 10, 2007, to review the applications received in this grant cycle. All applications were reviewed for technical merit and given a “do fund” or “no fund” recommendation by the RRT. The RRT then prioritized the applications recommended for funding.

III. Regional Review Team Recommendations

The Region 1 RRT recommended one Assessment application for \$45,200, five Monitoring applications for \$229,208, five Education/Outreach applications for \$104,387, two Technical Assistance applications for \$80,436, and thirteen Restoration applications for \$2,055,308 for funding.

Special conditions are recommended for two Monitoring, one Technical Assistance, and one Assessment application. For Restoration applications, special conditions are recommended for three, reductions are recommended for two, and the budgets for three have been adjusted based on revisions following site visit discussions.

IV. Special Issues

The Region 1 RRT participated fully in field visits of the proposed projects. Their participation and contributions at the site visits resulted in an opportunity to adjust projects to better meet review considerations. As a result, three applications were modified in ways that improved the project benefits and will result in improved ecological benefits.

There are significant restoration projects that address coho habitat from Region 1. The projects either address high intrinsic potential habitat, creating improvements to overwintering habitat or provide access to upstream habitat.

There were no land acquisition applications received from this region this grant cycle.

V. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommend funding for the two Technical Assistance applications, all five Education/Outreach applications, four of the five Monitoring applications, and the Assessment application.

Two Restoration applications were withdrawn by the applicant after the RRT meeting and one was withdrawn following the site visit. The site visit identified unresolved issues with the Siuslaw fish passage application (207-273) that will take some time to resolve. The two Salmon River estuary applications (207-260 and 207-259) also need additional development and will likely be resubmitted. Staff recommend the remaining eleven Restoration applications for funding.

Attachment A shows the proposals, funding amounts, conditions (if any), and priority rankings recommended as “do fund” to OWEB staff by the RRT. The table also indicates, by means of shaded entries, the OWEB staff “do fund” recommendations to the Board. For some “do fund” projects, the amount shown in the table may be the staff funding recommendation rather than the RRT recommendation.

Attachment B shows those applications not recommended for funding at this time by the RRT or by OWEB staff.

Staff recommend the Board approve the staff funding recommendation as contained in Attachment A to this report.

Attachments

- A. Projects Recommended for Funding
- B. Projects Not Recommended for Funding

**Region 1 – North Coast
Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle**

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-152	Limiting Factors Analysis on Five MidCoast Watersheds	49,999	1
207-151	Tweedle Lane Salmon Passage Design **	30,437	2
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$80,436	
Total Technical Assistance Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$80,436	

** Fund with Conditions

**Region 1 – North Coast
Education Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle**

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-194	Siuslaw Middle School Stream Team	8,169	1
207-193	Stream Team Extension	17,689	2
207-191	Mapleton Schools" Natural Resources Education Program V	15,400	3
207-190	Siuslaw Summer Watershed Exploration Workshops 07	12,191	4
207-189	MidCoast Watersheds Council Education Program	50,938	5
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$104,387	
Total Education Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$104,387	

Region 1 – North Coast
Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-225	Tillamook Bay Rapid Bio-Assessment (RBA) – Year 3	62,000	1
207-226	Yachats Water Quality Monitoring Project **	4,600	2
207-227	MidCoast Watersheds Evaluation and Restoration Project	103,191	3
207-228	Siuslaw Basin Rapid Bioassessment Project **	48,948	4
207-230	Siuslaw Volunteer WQ Monitoring Program 2007-08 (VWQMP)	10,469	5
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$229,208	
Total Monitoring Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$218,739	

** Fund with Conditions

Region 1 – North Coast
Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle

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Project #	Project Name	Total Amount	Priority
207-249	Nicolai-Wickiup Habitat Assessment **	45,200	1
Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT		\$45,200	
Total Assessment Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board		\$45,200	

** Fund with Conditions

ATTACHMENT A

**Region 1 – North Coast
Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by the RRT
October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle**

Staff Funding Recommendations to the Board are Highlighted in Gray

Project #	Project Name	Non-Capital Funds	Capital Funds	Total Amount	Priority
207-264	Munson Creek Habitat Restoration Project □		\$163,855	\$163,855	1
207-263	Lost Creek Stream Habitat, Riparian Habitat, and Fish Passage Improvement □		\$68,944	\$68,944	2
207-268	Wolfe Creek Enhancement Project **		\$320,138	\$320,138	3
207-270	Horse/Meadow Creek Large Wood Placement		\$135,919	\$135,919	4
207-271	Lobster, Little Lobster, and Preacher Creek Stream Enhancement		\$311,229	\$311,229	5
207-272	NFK Beaver Cr LWD Placement/Elkhorn Cr LWD Placement & Road Development		\$272,398	\$272,398	6
207-266	Hawley Creek - Stream/Floodplain Restoration & Fish Passage Improvement □		\$65,508	\$65,508	7
207-261	Little Nestucca River Restoration Project **		\$180,127	\$180,127	8
207-260	Salmon River Estuary Enhancement and Gnos Dike Improvement Project		\$72,528	Withdrawn	9
207-262	Bear Creek (East Beaver) Restoration		\$41,378	\$41,378	10
207-267	Phase 1: Jewell Meadows Riparian & Instream Enhancement Project - Fishhawk Creek		\$24,941	\$24,941	11
207-259	Crowley Creek Restoration */**		\$25,770	Withdrawn	12
207-265	2007 Upper Necanicum Restoration *		\$51,800	\$51,800	13
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding to Staff by the RRT			\$1,734,535	\$1,734,535	
Total Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding by Staff to the Board			\$1,636,237	\$1,636,237	

*Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Reduction ** Fund with Conditions □ Listed Amount Reflects Recommended Increase

**Region 1 – North Coast
 Projects Not Recommended for Funding by the RRT and OWEB Staff
 October 16, 2006 Grant Cycle**

Project #	Project Type	Project Name	Amount Requested
207-153	Technical Assistance	The Alsea and Marys Watersheds Passage Barrier Survey and Action Plan	49,768
207-192	Education	Stewardship in Citizenship (Book)	8,000
207-229	Monitoring	Invertebrate and Diatom Communities-Hoffman and Karnowsky Creeks	30,432
207-269	Restoration	South Clatsop Slough Restoration Project	183,901

**Region 1 – North Coast
 Restoration Project Withdrawn By Applicant
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Project #	Project Name	Amount Requested
207-273	Alma Tributaries 3 Culverts Replacement	333,567