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MEMORANDUM

TO: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

FROM: Tom Byler, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item A: Delegation of Distribution Authority and Grant Award for Legislative Allocations of Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds and Measure 76 Lottery Funds**
July 14, 2011 Special Board Meeting via Teleconference

I. Introduction

This report requests Board action to allocate Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF) and Measure 76 Lottery funds and delegate distribution authority to the Executive Director for purposes that the 2011 Legislature has specifically allocated to those funds.

II. Background

For the 2011-2013 biennial budget, the Oregon Legislative Assembly has allocated portions of Measure 76 funds and PCSRF funds to other entities. These allocations are directed to other state natural resources agencies and groups focused on watershed health issues, such as the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership (LCREP) and the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team. It is important for the recipient entities to obtain these funds as early in the new biennium as possible to meet their budget needs.

The 2011-2013 biennium is the first under Ballot Measure 76, which was passed by voters in November 2010 and replaced Measure 66. Under Measure 66, OWEB had oversight responsibility for all of the Lottery funds and required interagency agreements to track expenditures and uses of the funds. Measure 76 has changed the relationship between OWEB and the 35 percent of the Natural Resources Subaccount dedicated to “operating” purposes, which are the funds available for state natural resource agencies. Under Measure 76, the Legislature has express authority to delegate the Operating Funds to state natural resource agencies. Measure 76 also requires state agencies receiving the dedicated Lottery funds to report directly to the Legislature on the use of the funds. OWEB no longer has oversight responsibilities over the use of funds in these situations.

OWEB’s 2011-2013 budget includes a Legislative allocation of Measure 76 Operating Funds to LCREP. Because LCREP is not a state agency and is not required to report directly to the

Legislature, OWEB will enter into a grant agreement with LCREP to track and report on the use of these funds.

In the case of PCSRF funds, Board action is necessary to award grants to carry out the legislative allocations. OWEB enters into interagency agreements with PCSRF recipients to track and report on the uses of these funds.

III. 2011-2013 Legislative Appropriations

The 2011-2013 legislative appropriations of PCSRF and Measure 76 Lottery Funds to other entities are contained in Tables 1 and 2 below.

Table 1. PCSRF Legislative Appropriations

Entity/Recipient	Amount	Source of Funds
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$13,408,541	PCSRF
Department of Environmental Quality	\$2,118,888	PCSRF
Department of Agriculture	\$1,875,021	PCSRF
Water Resources Department	\$340,000	PCSRF
Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team	\$450,560	PCSRF

Table 2. Measure 76 Legislative Appropriations

Entity/Recipient	Amount	Source of Funds
Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership	\$248,101	Measure 76 Operating

IV. Recommendation

Staff recommend the Board:

- A. Allocate PCSRF and delegate authority to the Executive Director to enter into the agreements necessary to distribute funding in accordance with Table 1 of Section III of this report; and
- B. Delegate distribution authority to the Executive Director to enter into the agreements necessary for the Measure 76 Lottery funds that the Legislature allocated for the 2011-2013 biennium in accordance with Table 2 of Section III of this report.