

Analysis
Parks and Recreation Department
Coastal Habitat Restoration Grant

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Request: Approve the submission of a federal grant application to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for \$15,000 for habitat restoration.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Analysis: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund focuses on invertebrates in Oregon. The Department intends to apply for \$15,000 to restore coastal prairie habitat within Carl G. Washburne State Park, near Florence, Oregon. Because some of the park habitat is degraded, prairie dependent populations such as the threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly are diminishing.

If successful, the Department would use the funds to clear two spots within the park where trees were previously felled, but not burned or otherwise cleared. The Department would also clear non-native grasses and plant native coastal grass species, following up with herbicide treatment to target resurgent non-native grasses.

The application is due February 21, 2014. Match is 25%, which the Department would meet with in-kind work. No additional positions are required.

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends approving the submission of a federal grant application by the Parks and Recreation Department to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$15,000 for habitat restoration in the Carl G. Washburne State Park.