

UPDATE ON THE OREGON CONSERVATION & RECREATION FUND

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20th Century Success



KEY CONSERVATION ISSUES



Climate Change



Land Use Changes



Invasive Species



Disruption of Disturbance Regimes



Barriers to Animal Movement

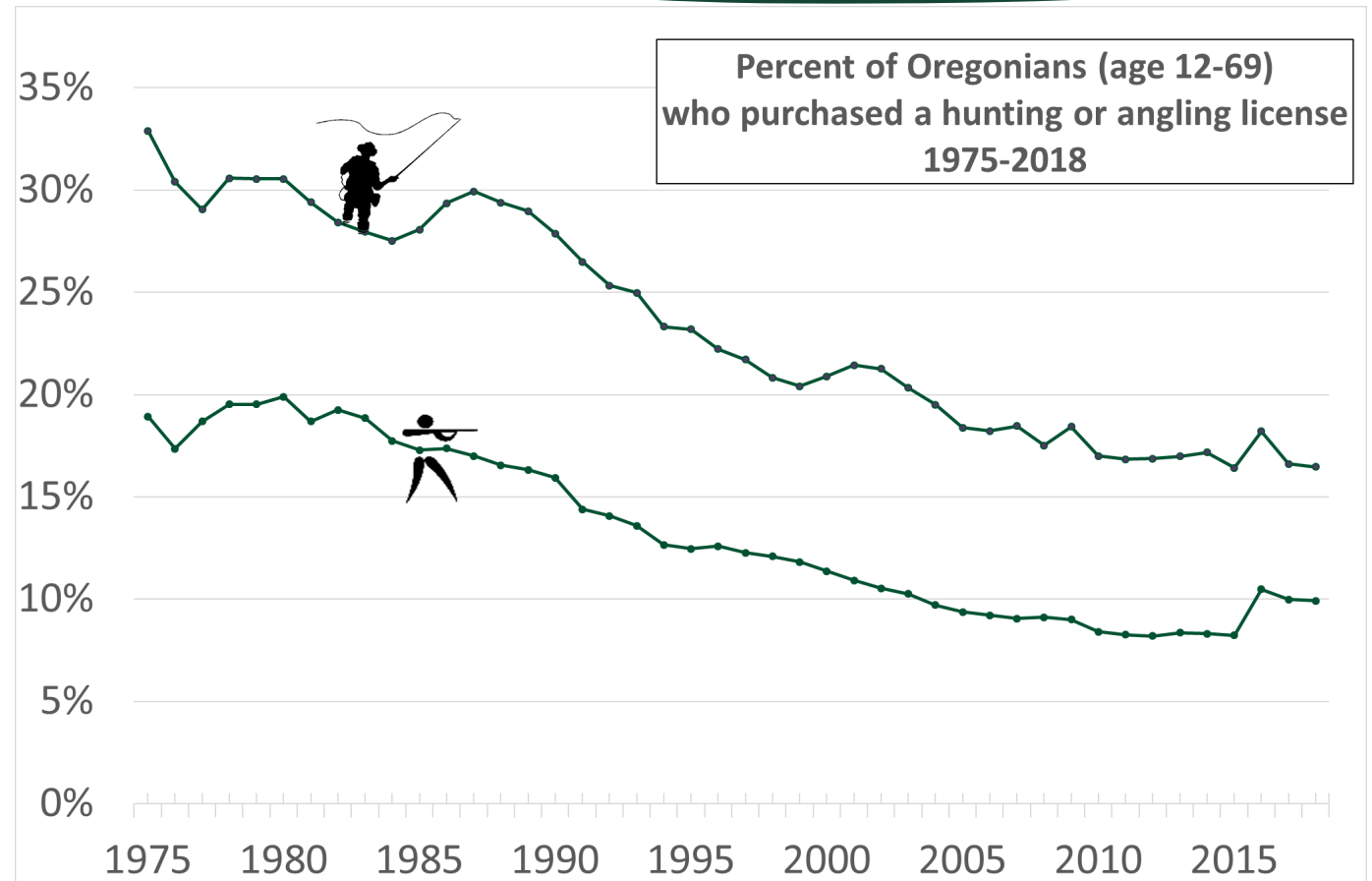


Water Quality and Quantity

ODFW Alternative Funding Background

In 1975, approximately 33 percent of Oregonians purchased fishing licenses and 20 percent purchased hunting licenses.

Now, 17 percent of Oregonians purchase fishing licenses and 10 percent purchase hunting licenses.



Oregon's Wildlife Values

Percent of Oregonians rating each topic a 9 or 10 on a scale of 0-10

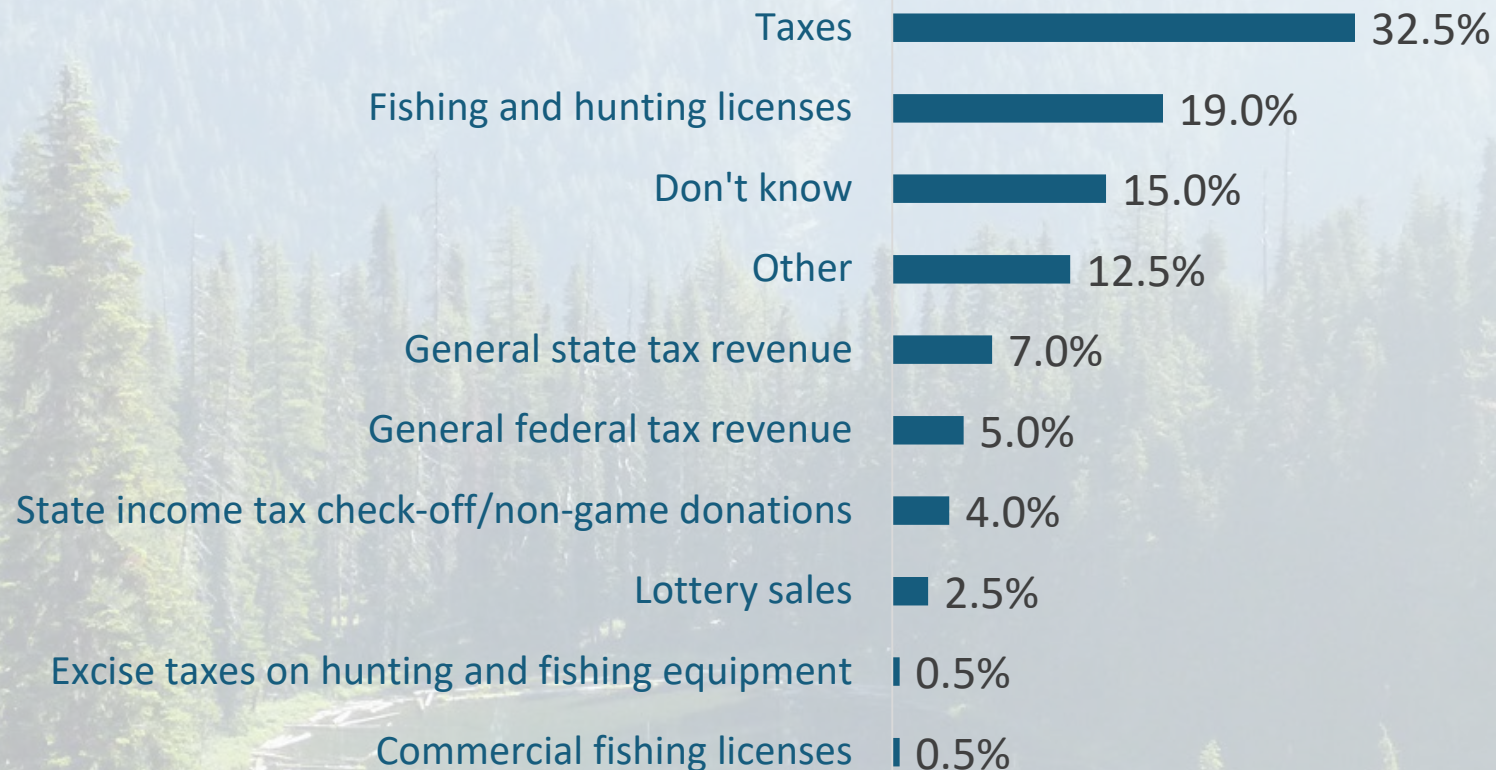


Responsive Management. 2016. Oregon Residents' Opinions on and values related to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. (n=939)

Photo: Laura Tesler

Public Perspectives on Funding

What do you think should be the primary source of funding for the Department?

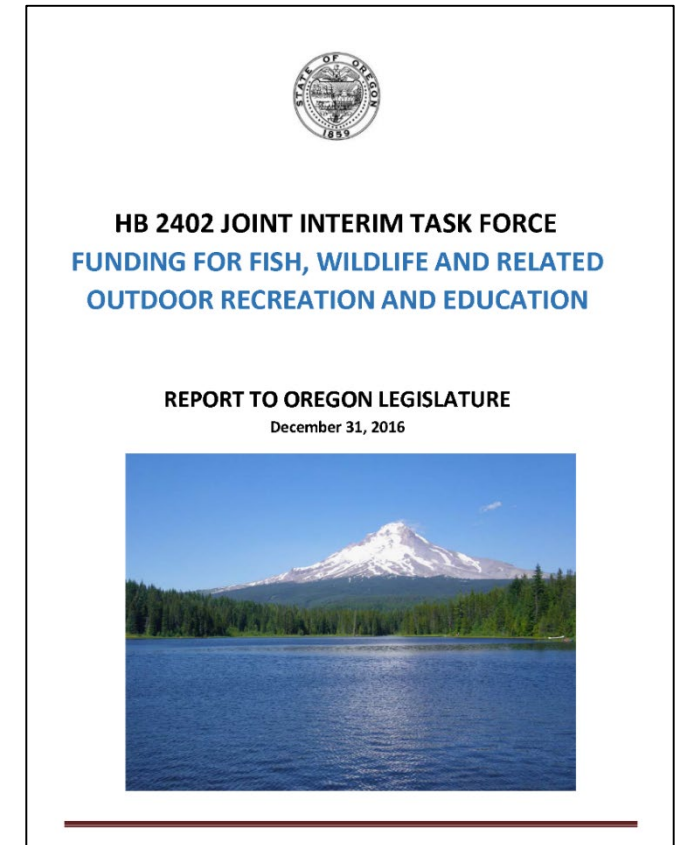


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Recommendations of the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education

Establish an **Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund** dedicated to conservation, management, research, habitat improvements, administration, enforcement and other activities that protect, maintain or enhance the native fish and wildlife of the state

Identified funding need (\$87 million/biennium) and funding mechanisms that are sufficient, sustainable and responsive to increasing program costs over time.



House Bill 2829: Creating the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

Created the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (OCRF)

- Activities that serve to protect, maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources in Oregon
- Consist of moneys appropriated to ODFW by the legislature and gifts, grants, contributions or other donations

Established the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

- Advise ODFW and the Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding use of the Fund
- Membership number and geographic representation determined by the commission
- Members appointed by the governor

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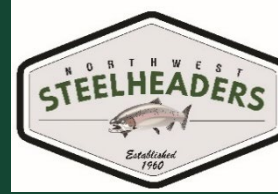
Appropriated \$1 million to the OCRF after the Department deposits at least \$1 million from non-state and non-federal sources in the Fund

Sunsets the Fund and Advisory Committee on January 2, 2022.

Reverts remaining funds to the general fund if they are unexpended or unobligated by July 1, 2021.



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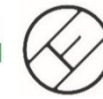


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LIVE WEBINAR DECEMBER 9TH 6PM

FUNDING STATUS

\$ 204,902.00 Raised!

Over 12,000 individual
Oregonians have donated

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `odfw.huntfishoregon.com/customer/checkout?id=193055`. The page header includes the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife logo and a navigation menu. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Consider adding a donation to your purchase:** This section contains two donation prompts. The first is for the "Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund" with a text input field and an "Add" button. The second is for the "Predatory Animal Control Fund" with a similar text input field and "Add" button.
- Items in Cart:** This section displays two items in a table-like format. The first item is a "Motorized Boat Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit" with a quantity of 1 and a price of \$22.00. The second item is the "Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund" with a quantity of 1 and a price of \$1,000,000.00. Each item has a "Continue Shopping" button and a "Clear Cart" button.
- Order Summary:** This section shows the total order amount of \$1,000,022.00. It includes a checkbox for acknowledging the purchase terms and a "Continue Shopping" button.

* Data as of 12/8/2020

Conservation & Recreation Advisory Committee

Dr. Karl Wenner, Chair - Klamath Mountain

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Jane Hartline - Willamette Valley

Maret Pajutee - East & West Cascades

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Mark Stern - At-Large

Vacant, Nearshore & Coast Range

Vacant- Columbia Plateau & Blue Mountains



Non-Voting Members

Commissioner Mark Labhart

Cailin O'Brien-Feeney, Office of Outdoor Recreation

First Round of Expenditures

Project Title	Primary Applicant
Succor Creek and Beaver	Friends of the Owyhee
Link Creek	Trout Unlimited and Caldera
Gilchrist Underpass Wildlife Directional Fencing	Oregon Hunters Association
Monitoring Efforts for Rare Carnivores	Cascadia Wild
Feasibility Study: Restoring Sea Otters to the Oregon Coast	Elakha Alliance
Applegate Northwestern Pond Turtle Project	North Douglas Betterment
Crooked River National Grasslands Sustainable Trails Project	Ochoco Trails
Portland Audubon Backyard Bioblitz	Audubon Society of Portland



Formed an Outdoor Equity Subcommittee

*From the Outdoor Equity Subcommittee's statement of purpose



We are dedicating a significant portion of the available funds to this purpose, and will work with these audiences and stakeholders to identify and fund opportunities and projects that mutually support the interests, the intersection, and engagement of underserved communities.

Photo courtesy of Trout Unlimited & Caldera

Second Round of Expenditures

Received 65 applications for over \$500,000 worth of requests, for about \$60,000 available.

Recommending seven projects to Commission in January

Recommendation includes \$25,000 for specific outdoor equity projects



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