

Columbia Basin Endorsement



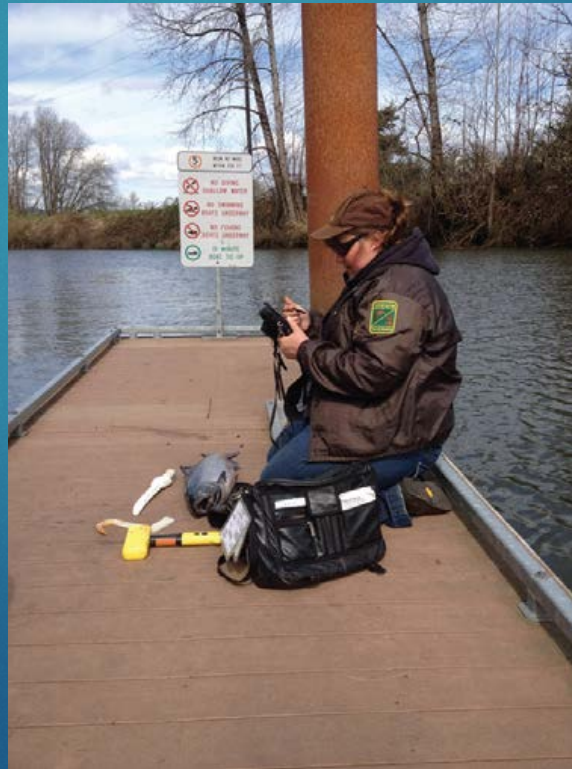
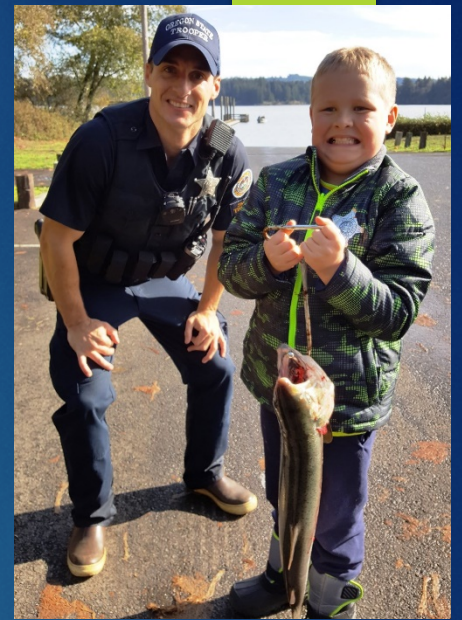
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- ▶ Columbia Harvest Reform Policy late-2012; similar policies adopted by Oregon and Washington
 - ▶ OFW Commission authority from legislature for fee to implement Columbia River Fisheries Reform policy (SB 830; ORS 508.980)
 - ▶ Legislature also appropriated General Funds
 - ▶ Fee enacted in 2014 calendar year.
 - ▶ \$9.75 annual, \$1 daily, included free with Youth License
 - ▶ Required to angle for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in Columbia Basin

Activities Supported

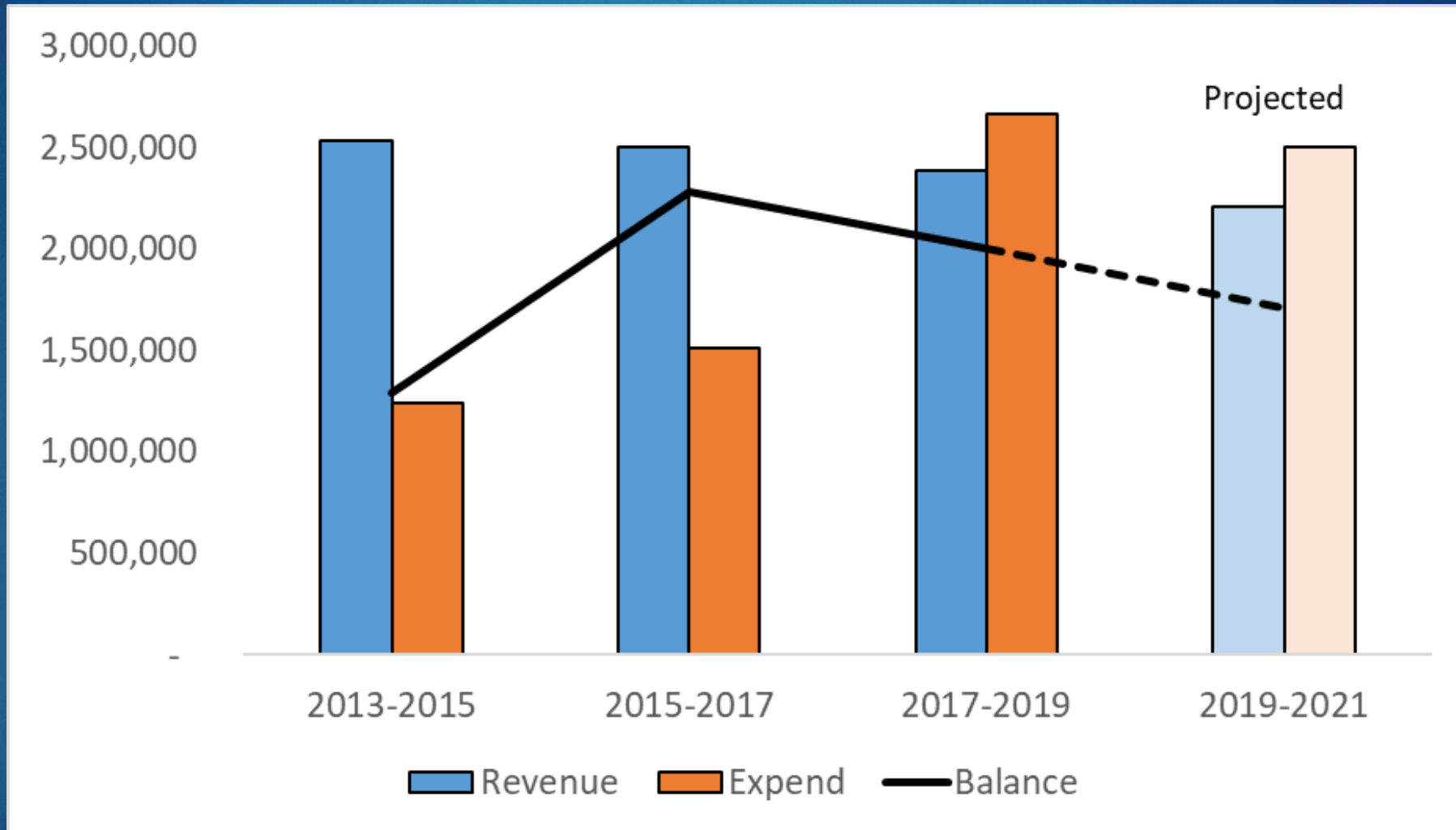
- ▶ Improved commercial and recreational fishery monitoring
- ▶ Enhanced hatchery production in off-channel areas
- ▶ Improved white sturgeon stock assessments
- ▶ Increased enforcement



2017-2019 biennium and beyond:

- ▶ Reduced focus on research; increased focus on implementation
- ▶ Increased off-channel production required by OFW Commission (adaptive management actions)
- ▶ Continue necessary monitoring (commercial and recreational)
- ▶ Continue added enforcement (OSP)
- ▶ Continue creel surveys above Bonneville
- ▶ Provide adequate assessment of white sturgeon
- ▶ 2018 funding support for Leaburg Hatchery

Columbia River Enhancement Fund



Benefits

- ▶ Increased hatchery production for off-channel commercial fisheries allowed increased salmon allocations for Columbia River anglers
- ▶ Improved stock assessments for white sturgeon necessary for sustainable management and re-initiation of harvest opportunities following closure
- ▶ Improved catch estimates and assessment of ESA impacts in upriver recreational fisheries to ensure accurate estimates of catch and ESA compliance
- ▶ Better enforcement
- ▶ Support for production of trout and additional Chinook salmon at Leaburg Hatchery

Consequences of Sunset

- ▶ Inability to continue enhanced off-channel hatchery production necessary to meet CR Reform policy objectives
 - ▶ Allowed for allocation shifts to recreational fisheries and removal of mainstem gillnets in spring and summer
- ▶ Reduced ability to monitor salmon and sturgeon populations and fisheries
- ▶ Reduced ability for enhanced enforcement
- ▶ Increased risk of non-concurrent regulations with WA if CR Reform objectives are not met

Restoration and Enhancement Program



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RESTORATION
of Facilities

ENHANCEMENT
of Fisheries

Liberation Equipment

Hatchery Repair and
Maintenance

Repair Fish Passage
and Screens

New Hatchery
Equipment

New Passage, Screens,
& Habitat Improvement

Fishing Access and
Public Education

Research and
Monitoring

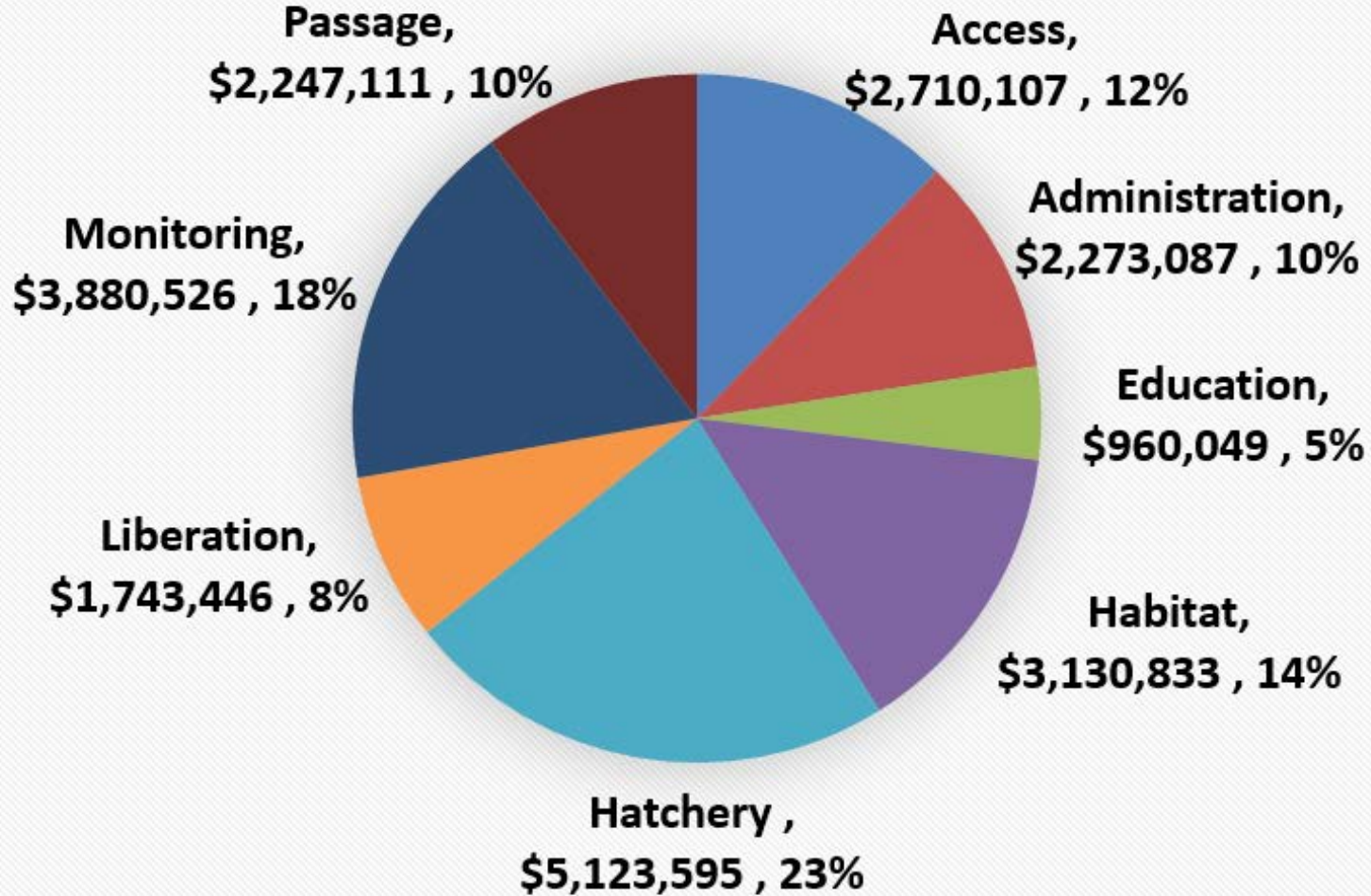
R&E Board Recommends a Balance

R&E Board

- 1 - Public-At-Large
- 3 - Commercial
- 3 - Sport

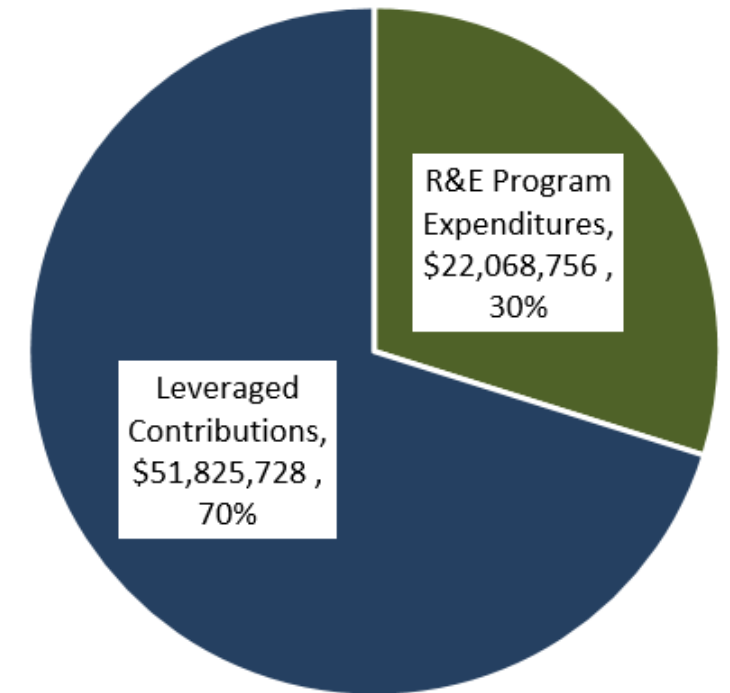


Percent Awarded by Project Type 07-17



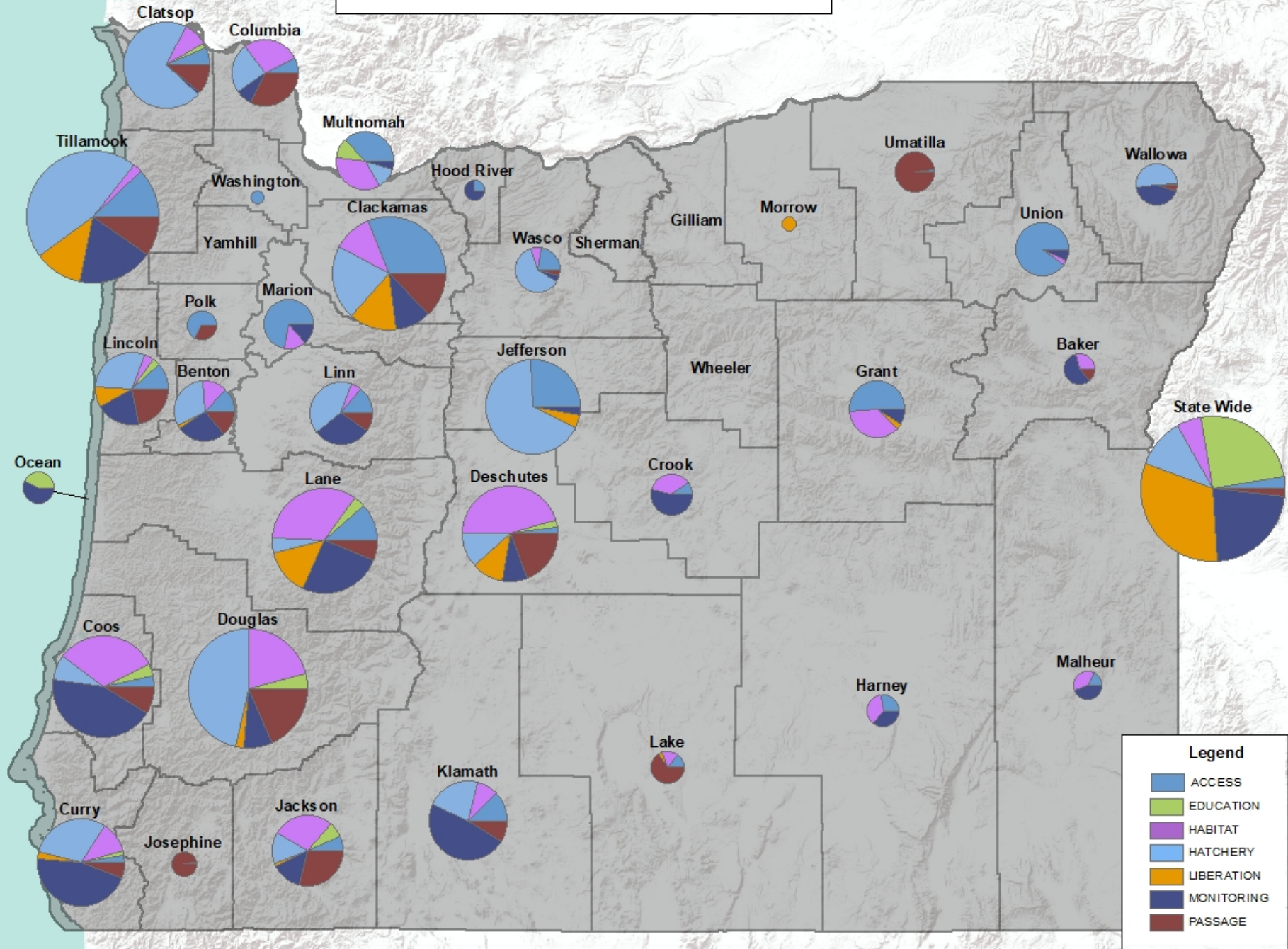
2007-2017 R&E - \$22.1 Million

Total cost of projects with R&E funding



On \$73.9 Million
in projects

RE Expenditures by County 2007-2017



Senate Bill 42



- ▶ Proposes To:
 - ▶ Make the program permanent by removing the sunset;
 - ▶ Allows for more flexible Board meeting scheduling; and
 - ▶ Broadens Commercial salmon representation.





R&E Program: Over 25 Years Investing in Oregon's Fisheries

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