# Oregon Department of State Lands

Ensuring a Common School Fund legacy through sound management of our trust responsibilities and the protection of waters of the state









# Oregon's School Land Legacy

1859

#### **Oregon Statehood**

3.4 million acres of "school trust land" granted by the federal government to fund K-12 education

Land Board established
Governor, Treasurer,
Secretary of State

Today

#### **Common School Fund**

\$1.6 billion fund distributes earnings from school land & other revenue to schools -\$57.6 million distributed in 2018

DSL works on behalf of Land Board



## Oregon Department of State Lands Today



#### **Oregon Department of State Lands**

**Ensuring Accountable Oversight** *Director's Office* 

Managing Lands
Real Property Program
South Slough National
Estuarine Research Reserve

to Rightful Owners
Unclaimed Money
and Estates

Protecting Waters

Aquatic Resource

Management Program

Ensuring Efficient, Effective Service

Administration & Operations



## Oregon Department of State Lands Today

\$71.12 million

FY 2019-21 Governor's Budget 116

Positions FY 2019-21 Governor's Budget \$116.3 million

Estimated 2019-21 Common School Fund distribution to schools



# Managing Lands

Real Property Program

# Manages Common School Fund land to meet trust obligations

- 741,000 acres that include rangelands, forest lands, agricultural lands, and industrial, commercial and residential property
- 767,000 acres of mineral and energy resource rights
- Maximizes financial returns by ensuring full market value is obtained for use, rental, and sale of lands







# Managing Lands

South Slough Reserve

# Provides leadership & administrative oversight for the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

- In 1974 DSL began administering South Slough in partnership with NOAA
- First of 28 reserves in coastal states nationwide
- 5,900 acre natural area managed for research, education, and stewardship of ecosystems and watersheds
- 194 programs with 5,303 participants in FY 2017
- 15 research projects in FY 2017







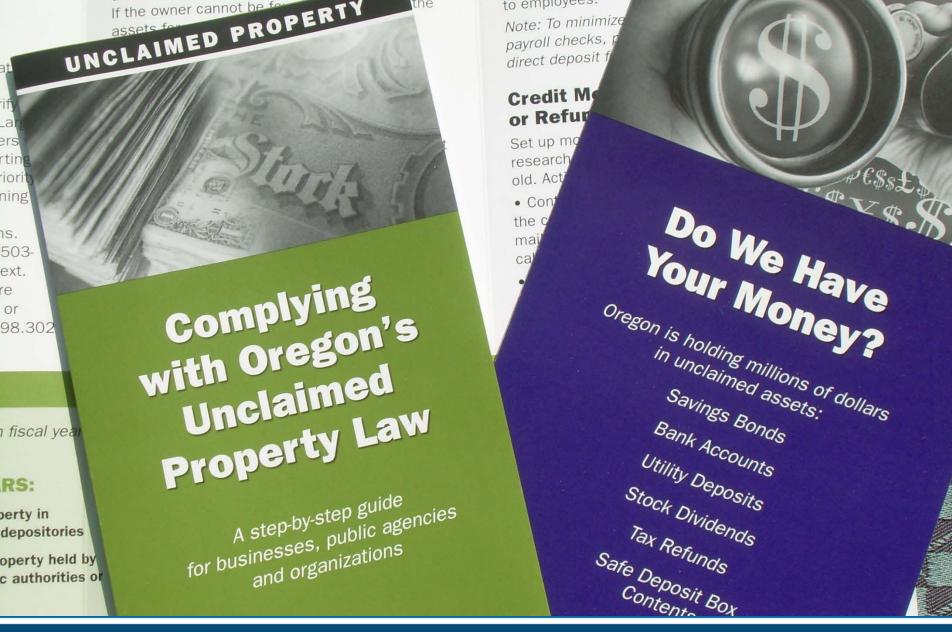
# Returning Money to Rightful Owners

Trust Property Program

# Serving as trustee for unclaimed funds and for estates with no will and no known heirs

- In 1957 DSL began overseeing Oregon's Unclaimed Property Law
- Protects Oregonians by requiring unclaimed assets be kept safe for their owners
- More than \$600 million currently held in Common School Fund
- Paid \$29.5 million in 14,599 claims in FY 2017
- Handled 908 estates in FY 2017









Aquatic Resource Management Program

# Protecting Oregon's waters through removal-fill and wetlands laws, and preserving public trust values on state waterways

- Implement Oregon's Removal-Fill Law
- Oversee mitigation programs to replace lost wetland and waterway benefits
- Provide wetland information to public, governments
- Manage navigable waterways to preserve public trust values: navigation, fishing, recreation and commerce



Removal-Fill Regulation

- In 1967 DSL began administering Oregon's Removal-Fill Law
- Protects water resources by requiring permits for projects that remove or fill materials in waters of the state and/or wetlands
- Issues permits and ensures compliance with permit conditions
- 385 permits processed in FY 2017



**Mitigation Program** 

- Offers mitigation options to permit holders who must replace lost wetland and waterway functions:
  - Mitigation banks sell credits to replace lost functions
  - DSL's in-lieu fee program sells credits when no mitigation bank option exists
- 22 active mitigation banks in Oregon



#### Wetland Information & Planning

- In 1989 DSL became responsible for Wetlands Conservation Act implementation
- Oregon working toward statewide "no net loss of wetlands" benchmark
- Helps local governments identify potential wetland constraints
- Helps property owners determine when permits are needed and provides technical review of wetland delineation maps
- Reviewed 270 maps and 601 local government wetland notices in FY 2017



Waterway Leasing and Authorizations

- Oregon owns the beds & banks of navigable waterways
- DSL issues leases, registrations, easements and other authorizations for use of those lands while also preserving public trust rights in those waterways: navigation, fishing, commerce and recreation
- 5,246 active authorizations in FY 2017







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