

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 34: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Wildlife Disease Detection and the Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan

To:	Emergency Board Full Committee
From:	Education Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Frederick

The Education Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife by \$470,000 for awarded grant funds supporting wildlife disease detection and response, as well as the development of the Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan.

In September, the Emergency Board granted the Department retroactive approval to apply for two grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They have since been awarded federal funds for both opportunities. The first grant of nearly \$747,000 aims to enhance detection and protect against wildlife disease outbreaks. There is no match requirement nor need for additional staffing, and the Department anticipates current biennium expenditures in the amount of \$270,000. The second grant will provide \$1 million in passthrough funding to the Oregon Department of Forestry for development of the statewide Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan. ODFW anticipates current biennium expenditures in the amount of \$200,000. There is no need for additional staff, and the match requirement of 20% will be provided by the Department of Forestry.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.