



SB 59

Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund

Background

- 2013 OR Senate Bill 830 appropriated monies to help implement Columbia River Fish Management and Reform rules adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- These were distributed into two separate funds managed by ODFW:
 - 1) Enhancement Fund (sunsets Jan. 2, 2022).
 - 2) Transition Fund (sunsetting Jan. 2, 2019).

Transition Fund

- Provide financial assistance to individual commercial fishermen affected by the Commission's new policies.
- SB 830 appropriated \$0.5M General Fund to the Transition Fund. The Department provided a grant to Clatsop County who implemented a program in 2018.
- Per statute, the fund expired January 2, 2019.

Columbia River Basin Endorsement

- SB 830 provided the Commission the authority to establish a Columbia River Basin recreational fishing endorsement (CRBE).
- Required since 2014; total of \$9.6 m in revenues.
- Uses remain as described in 2013-15 and 2015-17 legislatively approved ODFW budgets.
- Consistent with statute **\$0.00 of CRBE** were ever used for the Transition Fund

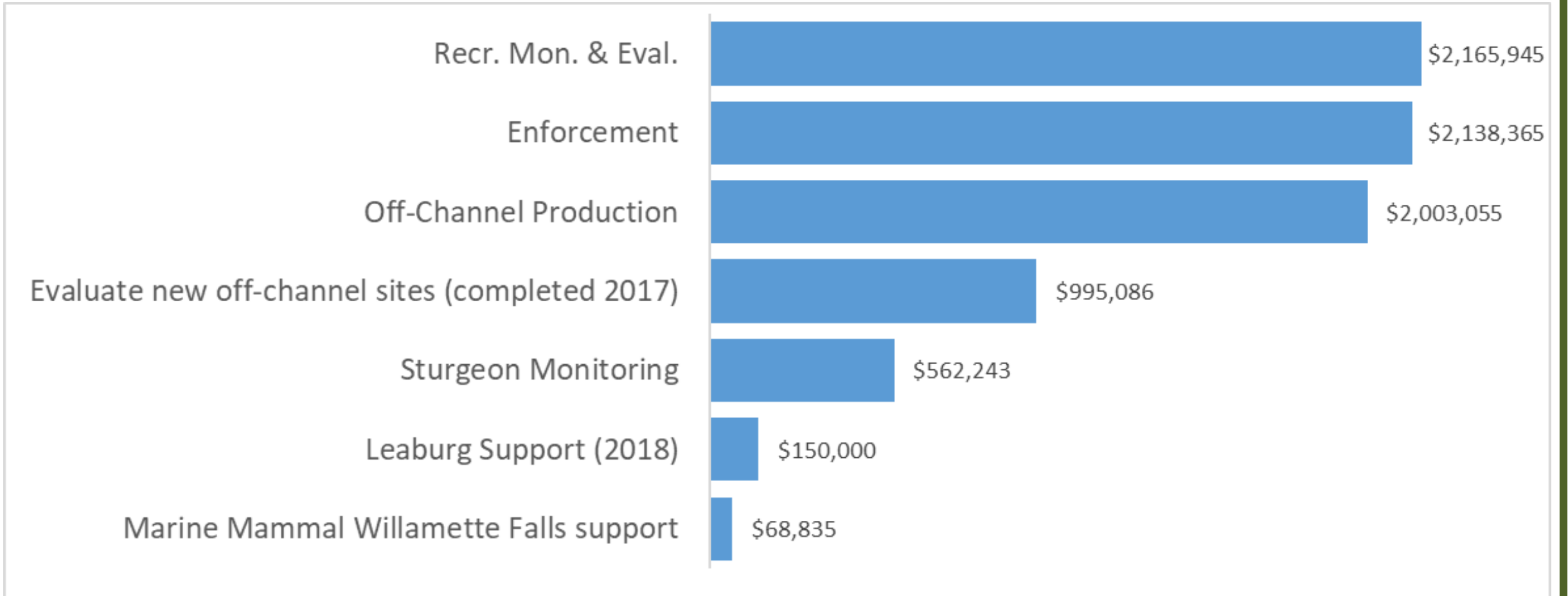
Endorsement Uses

- 1) Recreational Fisheries Improvements
 - Enhance monitoring of recreational fisheries (L. Col., Willamette, Bonneville to McNary)
 - 100% of funding for angler creel survey program upstream of Bonneville Dam
 - Enhance white sturgeon population assessments in the lower Col. River.
 - \$150K to support Leaburg Hatchery prior to 2019 Leg. Session
 - \$69K to initiate marine mammal efforts at Willamette Falls prior to 2019 Leg. Session
- 2) Enhancing law enforcement
 - Funded 2 additional full-time OSP F&W Troopers for enforcement in Col. River fisheries

Endorsement Uses

- 3) To offset reductions in mainstem commercial fishing, increase harvests in off-channel commercial fishing areas
 - Produce Chinook and coho for release in off-channel sites; sample commercial fisheries
 - In 19-21, CRBE is funding 1.18 m coho (26% of OR SAFE) and 250K spring Chinook (7% of OR SAFE) per year
 - Evaluate feasibility of: providing more fishing time at existing off-channel sites, expanding the fishable area of existing off-channel sites, new off-channel sites

Expenditures through 19-21 Biennium



Expenditures in 19-21 Biennium

