

OREGON PLAN FOR SALMON AND WATERSHEDS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM CHARTER

October 16, 2002

I. MISSION

The Implementation Team serves as the forum under the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds (OPSW), ORS 541.351 to 541.420, for state, federal, local, and tribal agencies to develop, coordinate, and revise watershed protection and restoration activities at the statewide or programmatic level. The Implementation Team also provides a forum to review and coordinate agency watershed restoration priorities.

II. ORGANIZATION

The Implementation Team is chaired by the Governor's watershed advisor or designee, and staffed by Governor's Office staff. Members include representatives from state, federal, local government, and tribal agencies that have responsibilities for and carry out activities that contribute to watershed protection and restoration. Oregon's state natural resources agencies will participate to the extent that their resources permit; the primary state agencies are the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Division of State Lands (DSL), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and Water Resources Department (WRD). Federal agencies, in particular NOAA Fisheries (NMFS), US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US Forest Service (USFS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) are invited as members and encouraged to actively participate.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Implementation Team will function as an information exchange and clearinghouse for all respective agency measures and programs. The Implementation Team will develop and review the OPSW measures, and will systematically and periodically review progress on, monitor problems and barriers to, assess effectiveness of, and recommend priorities for, the implementation of agency measures.

The Implementation Team will serve as a primary forum to identify issues, problems, and coordination needs regarding watershed protection and restoration activities for referral to respective state, federal, local, and tribal agency authorities for resolution.

Members of the Implementation Team will maintain a dialogue with regional teams to identify successes and failures, issues that need resolution, and support required to implement needed measures.

The Implementation Team receives policy and strategic direction from the Core Team.

The Implementation Team will encourage the Outreach and Monitoring Teams to participate, in order to assist those teams in carrying out their respective missions.

The Implementation Team will provide a forum for reviewing the OPSW Monitoring Program results and for discussing the implications of scientific conclusions and recommendations on the OPSW activities, for referral to the Core Team.

IV. OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

- A. Meetings of the Implementation Team will be conducted at least quarterly.
- B. The Chair of the Implementation Team will facilitate meetings and will work with a subset of team members to set meeting agendas. Governor's Office staff will provide additional support (e.g., note taking and meeting coordination) and will act as liaison to the Core Team.
- C. The Implementation Team will develop a biennial work plan at the beginning of each biennium. The Work Plan will identify priority OPSW activities best achieved among multiple agencies, or which require close consultation with federal agencies and tribes; a target date for completion of the task; and the agencies that need to participate in completing the task.
- D. Certain activities of the Implementation Team may be assigned to workgroups. Workgroups will be given broad latitude to complete their tasks, and will bring their products to the entire team for review and appropriate action.
- E. Decisions of the Implementation Team will be made by consensus.

This Charter represents the consensus of the state agencies that are signatories to the Charter. This Charter does not confer any legal rights on the part of any person or entity that is not a signatory to the charter. This Charter does not obligate any state agency to take any action that substantially affects the interests of the public. This Charter may be modified or terminated upon the written agreement of the primary Oregon Plan agencies identified above. This Charter will remain in effect unless it is replaced by another charter or is terminated either by mutual consent of the listed agencies and the Governor's Office, or by order of the Governor, or by act of law.

Governor's Office	Date
Director, Department of Agriculture	Date
State Forester, Department of Forestry	Date
Director, Department of Environmental Quality	Date
Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife	Date
Director, Water Resources Department	Date
Director, Division of State Lands	Date
Director, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board	Date
Director, Fish & Wildlife Division, State Police	Date
Director, Department of Transportation	Date
Director, Department of Land Conservation & Development	Date
Director, Department of Geology & Mineral Industries	Date
Director, Economic & Community Development Department	Date
Director, Parks and Recreation Department	Date
Director, State Marine Board	Date

