

April 26-27, 2016 OWEB Board Meeting
Executive Director Update #O-4: Focused Investment Partnership (FIP)
Update

Background

In January 2016 the OWEB Board awarded \$12,770,790 for six FIP Implementation grants and \$937,369 for eight Capacity Building grants. A map of both the Implementation and Capacity Building grants can be found in Attachment A. OWEB staff will provide the Board with a brief update on the progress of both programs at each Board meeting.

FIP Implementation

A kick-off meeting with representatives of each of the six implementation FIPs was held March 30, 2016 to discuss the following:

- Clear expectations of OWEB staff and the partnerships;
- Review team membership and timelines;
- Communication processes with OWEB staff and review teams;
- Measuring and reporting outcomes;
- Partnership decision-making;
- Content of the Partnership Agreements, which constitute memoranda of agreement between OWEB and each partnership;
- Grant application types and applicability; and
- Next steps and timeline.

With input from the meeting, staff are drafting Partnership Agreements in order to get them in place prior to executing grant agreements, which will begin as early as summer.

FIP Capacity Building

The eight Capacity Building grants are located around the state and include a broad diversity of partners. A short list of program accomplishments is listed below.

- Grant agreements have been executed for all awards.
- OWEB staff held a conference call for all partners in late February. Staff reviewed the purpose of the program, answered questions, and discussed the assessment opportunities presented in Agenda Item G.
- OWEB staff developed an online shared folder for the partnerships in order to facilitate the sharing of information and documents among the partners. Examples of shared documents include RFPs and governance documents.
- Staff developed and sent to all grantees a pre-project survey. This is a short, seven question survey, with multiple choice questions. The same questions will be asked at the conclusion of the project. This survey will also be used for implementation FIP partners.
- Many partnerships have posted RFPs and have begun the process to hire a facilitator.

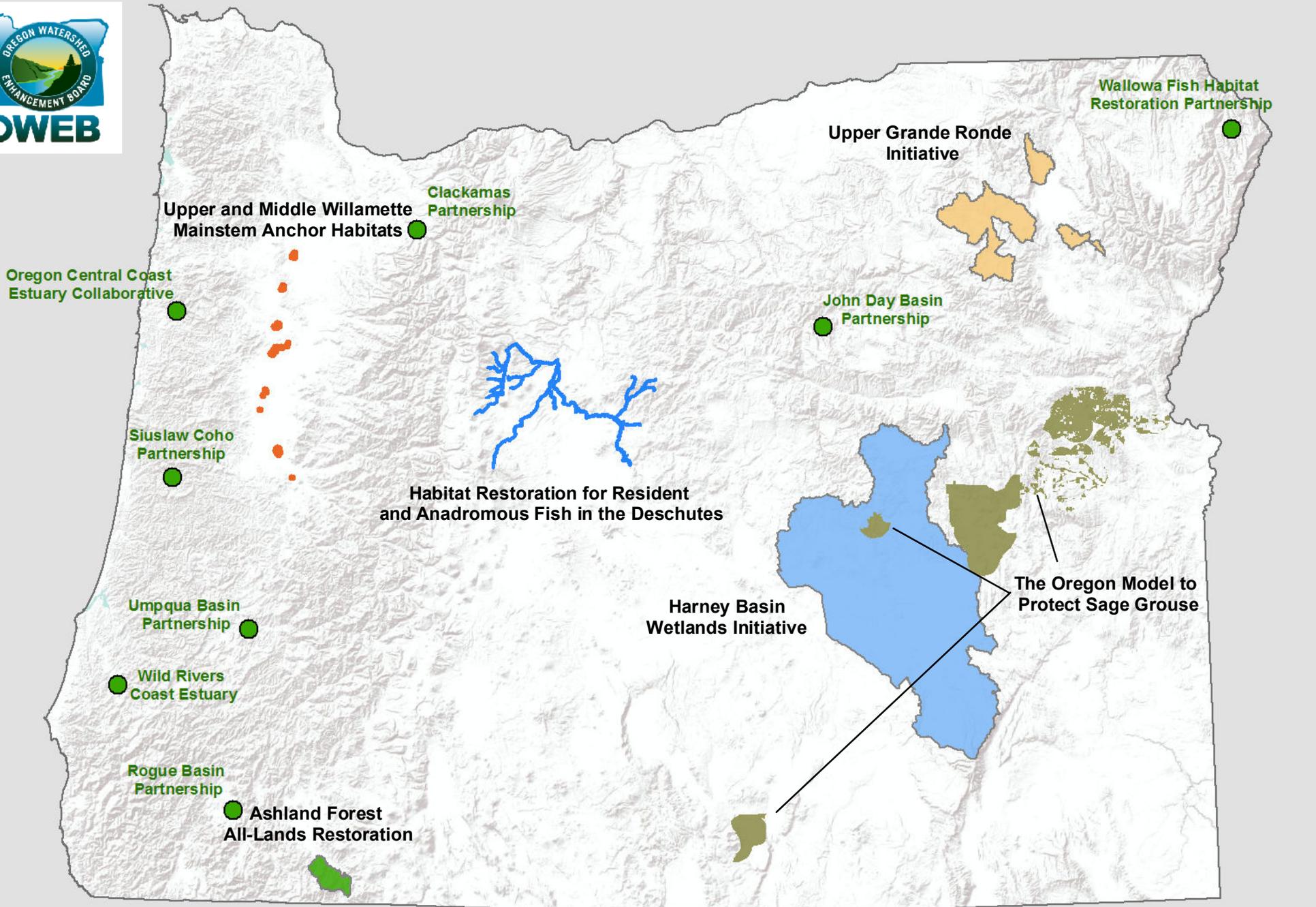
A more detailed update will be provided at the July Board meeting, including a summary of the pre-project survey responses.

Staff Contact

If you have questions or need additional information on FIP Implementation grants please contact Eric Williams, Grant Program Manager, at eric.williams@state.or.us or 503-986-0047; for questions or additional information on FIP Capacity Building grants please contact Courtney Shaff, Capacity Coordinator, at courtney.shaff@state.or.us or 503-986-0046.

Attachments

- A. FIP Implementation and Capacity Building Partnerships Map



● Capacity Building FIPs

OWEB Focused Investment Partnerships: Implementation and Capacity Building Initiatives 2015-2017