



# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## OWEB MISSION

*"To create and maintain healthy watersheds and natural habitats that support thriving communities and strong economies."*

## WHAT OWEB DOES

- Provides grants in local communities to preserve water quality and improve fish and wildlife populations.
- Monitors and manages information, and reports on implementation of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.

## OWEB FUNDS COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION

- OWEB-funded projects are voluntary and incentive-based.
- OWEB builds local partnerships and empowers communities to develop solutions.

*Partners include:*

- Private agricultural and forest landowners
- Urban, rural, and industrial landowners
- Tribes
- Watershed councils
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Cities and counties
- Business and industry
- Conservation groups
- Public interest groups
- State and federal natural resource agencies

## OWEB BOARD

- OWEB is led by a 17-member policy oversight and decision-making board.
- Members represent the public-at-large, tribes, state natural resource agency boards and commissions, OSU Extension, and federal natural resource agencies.

## OWEB STAFF

- OWEB has 21 Salem and five field staff positions who handle the agency's grant management, monitoring and reporting programs, policy development, and fiscal control responsibilities.

# Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

## Statewide Investments



### OWEB Investments in Oregon

#### Competitive Grant Awards

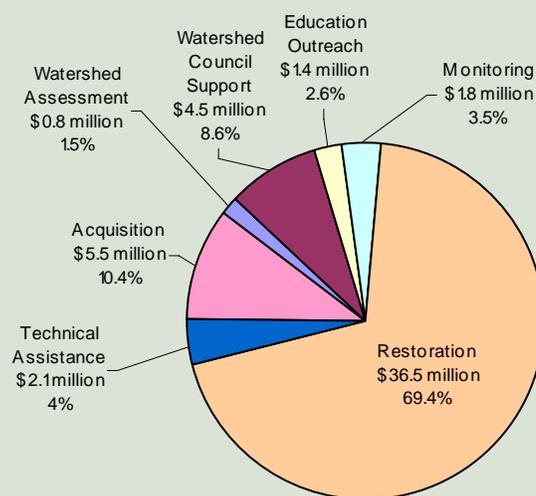
OWEB awarded nearly \$53 million (900 grants) for projects that provide benefit to water quality and fish and wildlife habitat between July 2005 and June 2007.

#### OWEB Funding Sources

- Constitutionally dedicated Ballot Measure 66 State Lottery revenues
- Congressionally appropriated Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund
- Salmon License Plate proceeds

#### Allocation of Grant Funds

2005–2007



Based on \$52.5 million

### Other OWEB Statewide Programs

**OWEB Small Grant Program.** Since 2002, OWEB has provided \$7.3 million to locally based small grant teams who distribute grants of \$10,000 or less for watershed restoration projects.

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).** Since 1999, OWEB has provided more than \$6 million as state match funding for Oregon CREP projects. CREP provides funding to agricultural landowners to establish riparian vegetation along streams. By May of 2006, nearly 24,000 acres (approximately 2,000 stream miles) were enrolled in the program statewide.

### Local Economies and Communities Benefit

- **Each dollar** OWEB grants for watershed council support generates an additional **five dollars** for watershed projects in the local community.
- **Eighty percent** of OWEB grant funds are spent in the county in which a grant is awarded, supporting **local** businesses through contracting and the purchase of supplies and equipment, and supporting family incomes.
- Watershed enhancement projects **support jobs** locally and increase the **long-term sustainability** of the local economy.

#### Questions? Please contact...

Tom Byler, OWEB Executive Director, 503-986-0180, tom.byler@state.or.us

Melissa Leoni, Senior Policy Coordinator, 503-986-0179, melissa.leoni@state.or.us