

**Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp  
Salmon Habitat Fund  
Program Update  
February 9, 2006**

## **Program Summary**

Eleven projects were selected for funding during this period. The projects were picked from applications submitted to The Nature Conservancy through the Salmon Habitat Fund re-granting program by a project review and selection committee consisting of statewide and local Conservancy staff with specific expertise in habitat restoration, watershed planning and land management. Three of the projects were awarded to Watershed Councils and Soil and Water Conservation Districts, three to local Non-Governmental Organizations, and 5 were projects initiated and managed by The Nature Conservancy. The 11 projects will provide benefits to spring and fall chinook salmon, coho salmon, summer and winter steelhead, sea-run cutthroat trout and pacific lamprey.

Three of the projects were acquisitions of land or conservation easements which will protect salmon habitat in perpetuity. These projects brought over \$4.5 million in match from other funding sources and land values. The remaining 8 projects consist of stream and riparian restoration, and are contributing over \$900,000 in match to the Salmon Habitat Fund. A total of 20 different partners are engaged in these projects, including federal, state and county agencies, local, national and international non-governmental organizations, private businesses and landowners (see project summary table).

Of the currently obligated and distributed funds for the program to date, 57% of the PGE funds have been within the PGE service territory, and 79% of the PacifiCorp funds have been within the PacifiCorp service territory. In addition, 44% of the total obligated and distributed funds from PGE have gone to Watershed Councils and Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and 51% of the total obligated and distributed funds from PacifiCorp have gone to Watershed Councils and Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The re-granting program has also provided funds to local Non-Governmental Organizations that have applied for funding through the Project Application Process. To date, 26% of the PGE funds have been obligated and distributed to local Non-Governmental Organizations and 19% of the PacifiCorp funds have been obligated and distributed to local Non-Governmental Organizations.

## **Project Stories, Press and Communications**

On a quarterly basis, the Conservancy provides each utility with marketing stories and photos about projects funded through the Salmon Habitat Fund. During this period, the stories focused on habitat restoration in Williams Creek, tributary to the Applegate River in Southern Oregon, and along Scappoose and Teal Creeks, tributaries to Scappoose Bay.

Media stories about the renewable power and habitat programs appeared in newspapers in The Dalles and Hood River. A feature story about the growth in green power customers which ran in the *Salem Statesman-Journal* was picked up by *Associated Press* and ran also in the *Albany Democrat-Herald* and the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* and on *OregonLive.com*.

## Project Summary Table

Project Name	Lead Entity	Location	5th Field HUC	Anadromous Species	Type of Work	Total Need	PGE \$ Awarded	PacifiCorp \$ Awarded	Matching Funds	Within Service Territory	Water-shed Council /SWCD
Blind Slough	TNC	Lower Columbia River	Big Creek	winter steelhead (adult, juvenile), fall Chinook (adult, juvenile), coho (adult, juvenile)	Improve anadromous fish habitat by monitoring and controlling invasive plants and animals on lands adjacent to and within the tidal zone of Blind, Knappa, Grizzly, Warren Sloughs and in and around the mouth of Big Creek	\$32,100	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$9,100	PacifiCorp	No

Project Name	Lead Entity	Location	5th Field HUC	Anadromous Species	Type of Work	Total Need	PGE \$ Awarded	PacifiCorp \$ Awarded	Matching Funds	Within Service Territory	Watershed Council /SWCD
Sandy River Watershed Private Lands Riparian Habitat Protection Project-Phase 3	TNC	Sandy River	Lower Sandy River	winter steelhead, fall chinook, spring chinook, summer steelhead, coho (rearing)	Improve habitat for anadromous fish in the Sandy River through the eradication of knotweed, an increase of public awareness and participation in the knotweed eradication program, and planting of native vegetation in areas cleared of noxious weeds	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$60,000	PGE	No
Oxbow Conservation Area Floodplain Restoration Project	Grant Soil and Water Conservation District	Middle Fork John Day River	Camp Creek	summer steelhead (juvenile and adult), spring chinook (juvenile and adult), pacific lamprey (juvenile and adult)	Redistributing gravel mine tailings to restore natural channel morphology and reconnect the river and floodplain	\$142,676	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$127,676	No	Yes

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Camp Creek Stream Restoration	TNC	Camp Creek	Little Sheep Creek	Snake River steelhead (rearing)	Develop engineering designs and complete regulatory and permitting requirements for removal of numerous in-channel earthen dams and restoration of channel morphology	\$230,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$205,000	PacifiCorp	No
Rimrock Ranch Conservation Easement	Deschutes Basin Land Trust	Deschutes/Squaw Creek	Squaw Creek	steelhead (spawning/rearing), chinook salmon (spawning/rearing), pacific lamprey (spawning/rearing)	Acquisition of a conservation easement on Rimrock Ranch, an 1120-acre property including 2 miles of intact floodplain habitat on Squaw Creek	\$3,630,000	\$23,500	\$0	\$3,606,500	PGE	No

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Kahn Tract Acquisition	Elk River Land Trust	Elk River	Elk River	coho salmon, chinook salmon, winter steelhead, sea-run cutthroat, Pacific lamprey, (spawning and rearing)	Acquire and protect 163 acres of critical habitat along Elk Creek containing a half-mile riparian area, eight acres of fully-functioning floodplain, six acres of high river terrace and a one-acre wetland	\$291,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$276,000	No	No
Willamette River Environmental Flow Management	TNC	Middle Fork and Coast Fork of the Willamette River	Upper and Lower Middle and Coast Forks Willamette	chinook salmon, coho salmon, chum salmon, steelhead (spawning and rearing)	Identify environmental flow requirements for the Willamette River and its tributaries and implement stream, channel morphology and floodplain restoration	\$107,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$87,000	No	No

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Joe Hall Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project	Umpqua Basin Watershed Council	Elk Creek/ South Umpqua River	Elk Creek	coho salmon, steelhead trout, coastal cutthroat trout (spawning, incubation and rearing)	Instream placement of large wood and boulders to improve fish habitat complexity and reduce streambank erosion; riparian fencing, riparian planting, and invasive species eradication to improve riparian vegetation conditions	\$354,684	\$0	\$20,000	\$334,000	PacifiCorp	Yes

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Murtaugh Creek Fish Passage Project	Tualatin River Watershed Council	Murtaugh Creek (tributary to West Fork Dairy Creek, Tualatin River watershed)	Dairy Creek	winter steelhead (adult, juvenile), Pacific lamprey, native cutthroat trout	Modify a water control structure identified as the last fish passage barrier on Murtaugh Creek, providing an additional two miles of spawning and rearing habitat	\$33,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$24,000	PGE	Yes
Goat Island Riparian Restoration	SOLV	Clackamas River	Lower Clackamas River	spring Chinook salmon, fall Chinook salmon, coho salmon, winter steelhead, migratory and resident cutthroat trout, lamprey	Non-native plant removal and planting of native riparian vegetation	\$88,304	\$20,000	\$0	\$68,304	PGE	No
Middle Fork John Day Conservation Easement	TNC	Middle Fork John Day River	Camp Creek	summer steelhead (juvenile and adult), spring Chinook (juvenile and adult), pacific lamprey (juvenile and adult)	Acquire a conservation easement to protect and restore instream and riparian habitat	\$617,928	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$597,928	No	No

## Financial Summary

PGE Customer Funds Received and Expended by The Nature Conservancy		
Customer funds from For Sake of the Salmon		\$58,811.00
Customer Funds from PGE 1st and 2nd Qtr 2004		\$72,523.69
Customer Funds from PGE 3rd Qtr 2004		\$41,483.88
Customer Funds from PGE 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2004		\$43,976.30
Customer Funds from PGE 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2005		\$45,127.72
Customer Funds from PGE 2nd Qtr 2005		\$47,254.16
Customer Funds from PGE 3rd Qtr 2005		\$49,350.85
Total Customer Funds thru December 31, 2005		\$358,527.60
Obligated and Distributed Project Funds		\$299,295.00

PacifiCorp Customer Funds Received and Expended by The Nature Conservancy		
Customer funds from For Sake of the Salmon		\$ 11,996.00
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Sept 2004		\$ 44,762.75
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Oct 2004		\$ 5,870.32
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Nov 2004		\$ 5,990.15
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Dec 2004		\$ 6,229.93
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Jan 2005		\$ 6,292.11
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Feb 2005		\$ 6,100.06
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Mar 2005		\$ 6,261.50
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Apr 2005		\$ 6,195.32
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - May 2005		\$ 5,668.14
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Jun 2005		\$ 6,567.50
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Jul 2005		\$ 7,005.25
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Aug 2005		\$ 7,156.31
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Sep 2005		\$ 7,022.44
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Oct 2005		\$ 7,118.34
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Nov 2005		\$ 7,290.00
Customer Funds from PacifiCorp - Dec 2005		\$ 7,401.56
Total Customer Funds thru December 31, 2005		\$ 154,927.68
Obligated and Distributed Project Funds		\$ 130,055.00