

## Input for Board Proposed Priority Consideration

Between August 2014 and April 2015, the OWEB Board will receive input as it develops a set of priorities of statewide ecological significance for Focused Investment Partnership funding. This is a new process for the OWEB Board. These priorities will apply only to the Focused Investment Partnership funding within OWEB's spending plan (currently between 10-12% of OWEB's funds). In an effort to secure early advice and input from a broad cross-section of stakeholders, the Board has developed a set of questions for stakeholder response.

If you are interested in providing input to the Board during this first phase of priority-setting, please respond to the attached questions in a letter. The letter should not exceed ten pages. The Board has identified these questions as a part of their decision-making process. Your feedback will help them better understand priorities from a variety of perspectives.

The steps for priority-setting are as follows:

- 1) August 1-October 15, 2014 OWEB Board receives potential priorities recommendations from stakeholders
- 2) October 28-29, 2014 OWEB Board meeting in Grants Pass - opportunity for stakeholders to provide input on priority proposals and receive additional suggestions during public comment process
- 3) October-December, 2014 OWEB staff and Focused Investment Subcommittee review input; combine similar proposals and develop summary for Board, along with preliminary recommendations
- 4) January 27-28, 2015 OWEB Board Meeting in Astoria – Board reviews subcommittee summary; additional opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback on proposals during public comment
- 5) January-March, 2015 Subcommittee and staff solicit additional input as needed through a variety of mechanisms; revise proposals based on feedback from Board and stakeholders
- 6) April 28-29, 2015 Board Meeting in Salem - review final draft priorities; additional opportunity for public comment; Board approves final priorities

If you would like further information about this process or to ask questions, please contact Meta Loftsgaarden at OWEB - [meta.loftsgaarden@state.or.us](mailto:meta.loftsgaarden@state.or.us).

## Proposed Priority Response Questions for OWEB Board

The following questions include factors the Board will consider as they select priorities for the Focused Investment Partnership Program. We recognize all factors are not applicable or known for every priority. Please provide information as available. Summarize the following information about your proposed priority for the OWEB Board to consider (the Board encourages submissions of ten or fewer pages). Your input will be integrated and refined with other input and expertise.

### 1. Proposed Priority Description

- a) What is the native fish or wildlife habitat to be conserved or other natural resource issue to be addressed?
- b) What are the specific expected ecological outcome(s) to be achieved after this priority is addressed?
- c) What is the defined geographic location within which this proposed priority can be successfully addressed?

### 2. Significance to the State

- a) Why is this proposed priority of ecological significance to the state, even though it may not be present everywhere in the state?
- b) Are there any social and/or economic considerations that the Board should understand regarding this proposed priority?
- c) In addition to its significance to the state, identify how the proposed priority fits within regional & local ecological priorities.

### 3. Limiting Factors

- a) What ecological limiting factors exist that relate to the proposed priority identified? *Limiting factors* are the physical, biological, or chemical conditions and associated ecological processes and interactions (e.g., population size, habitat connectivity, water quality, water quantity, etc.) experienced by the habitat that may influence viable population parameters (i.e. abundance, productivity, spatial structure, and diversity).
- b) Reference any framework(s) that exist (Recovery Plans, Implementation plans, etc.).

### 4. Threats and Benefits

- a) What overall threats exist to the proposed priority identified? *Threats* are the human actions (e.g., fishing, development, road building, etc.) or natural (e.g., flood, drought, volcano, tsunami, etc.) events that *cause or contribute-to* limiting factors. Threats may be associated with one or more specific life cycle stages and may occur in the past, present, or future.
- b) What will happen if the threats aren't addressed?
- c) Describe the economic, social, iconic and cultural benefits of addressing the outcome and impacts of not addressing it.
- d) Briefly summarize how much has been done already, how much is remaining.
- e) What is your best estimate of cost to address the priority, and as a result, how economically feasible do you believe it is to address this priority over time?

5. Opportunities

a) Ecological:

1. What are the measures of ecological success? What's the likelihood of ecological success in the short (6-year), medium and long-term (define the term lengths)?
2. What types of voluntary conservation actions could be undertaken to address the proposed priority?
3. Should the proposed priority be divided into geographic areas that are appropriate for partners to address?

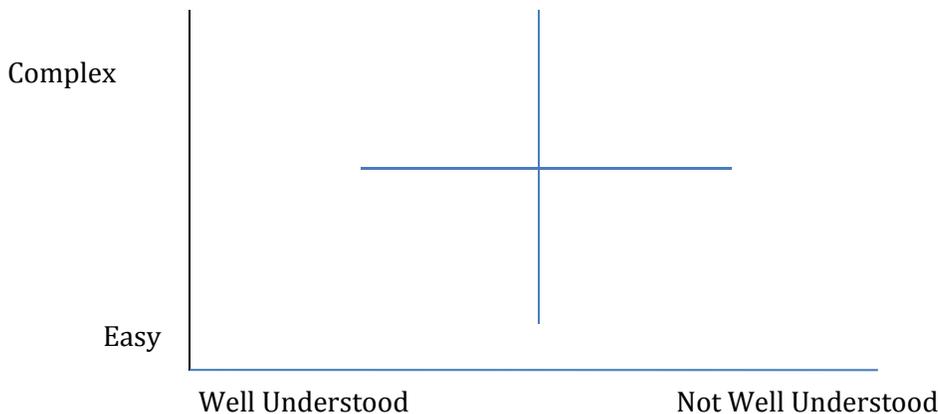
b) Social:

1. Do partnerships exist to address the proposed priority? If so, briefly describe. If not, note why this proposed priority is important enough that partnerships may form to address it.
2. What social opportunities exist to address the proposed priority? Is there momentum built?
3. Describe educational benefits, if any.
4. Summarize the social, community, political, regulatory or other factors that will help lead to the success of this proposed priority.
5. What can be leveraged to address the proposed priority (funding, acreage impacts, other resources)?

a) Economic Benefits

1. Describe the economic benefits of addressing the ecological proposed priority, including ecosystem services

6. FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS: Assess the proposed priority by locating the proposed priority in one of the quadrants below. Describe why the proposed priority falls in this quadrant. There is no wrong answer to this question and there may be multiple answers.



7. Is there other information the Board should know regarding this priority?

8. In lieu of attaching letters of support for this proposal, please submit a list of other supporting individuals or organizations.