

**Elliott Public Ownership Project
Oregon Department of State Lands
February/March 2018 Update**

Common School Fund Decoupling

Phase I work: Oregon Consensus (OC) will complete Phase I of the project by March 2, as scheduled. This phase included clarifying the project's scope of work and the various roles of OC and the Department of State Lands (DSL).

Phase II work: Oregon Consensus is on track to begin individual and focus-group interviews with representatives of key constituent groups (tribes, conservation organizations, timber interests, elected officials, government agencies and education advocates). The first interviews will occur in early March. The goal of these neutral interviews is to develop a resolution framework through assessing key issues and determining the degree of current common ground.

The end goal of this work is to produce a summary report of the findings that will inform Phase III work. The estimated completion date of Phase II is summer 2018.

Habitat Conservation Plan Development

The Request for Proposals for a contractor to develop an HCP for the Elliott was issued on Feb. 6, 2018. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held at DSL on Feb. 20, 2018. All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2018. We are on track to select a contractor by mid- to late-April 2018. The goal is to have a draft HCP completed in February/March 2019.

The State Land Board at their Feb. 13, 2018, meeting directed DSL staff to complete both phases in a timely manner.