



2019-2021 Biennial Report Executive Summary

The Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds

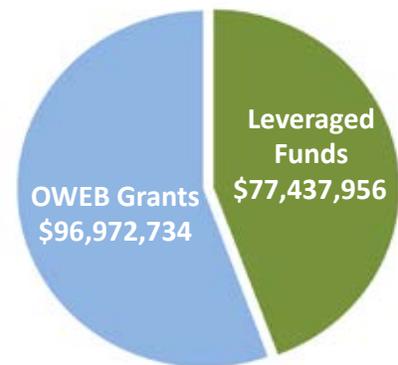
Since 1997, the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds has provided a framework for grass-roots stewardship enhancing water quality and restoring habitat for the state's native fish and wildlife. The Oregon Plan supports diverse local economies and enriches communities through local, voluntary restoration.

The Oregon Plan Biennial Report describes activities implemented under the plan for the 2019-2021 biennium (per Oregon Revised Statute 541.972). This Executive Summary highlights key investments and accomplishments; coordinated actions among Oregon Plan partners; and recommendations from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB). The full report can be found online <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/Documents/OPSW-BR-2019-21.aspx>.

2019-2021 Investments and Accomplishments

During the 2019-2021 biennium, OWEB invested over \$97 million for watershed enhancement projects throughout the state. This total includes funding from the Oregon Lottery, Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund, salmon license plate revenues, and other sources. These dollars leverage significant funding that is provided by other agencies and partner organizations, increasing the impact of OWEB funding. Oregon Plan partners include landowners, non-profit organizations, local businesses, tribes, and all levels of government.

OWEB Awarded Grants 2019-2021



Grants awarded by OWEB and the amount of leveraged funds contributed by grant participants. Data provided from OWEB Grant Management System from 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2021.

Watershed Metrics	Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory (OWRI)	OWRI compared w/ 2017-19 biennium	BLM	USFS	Total
Riparian Miles (e.g., Streamside Plantings)	206 miles	85 ↓	--	5	211
Instream Habitat Miles (e.g., Wood Placement)	111 miles	22 ↑	45	111	267
Miles of Fish Habitat Made Accessible (Stream Crossing Improvements)	142 miles	56 ↑	43	85	270
Stream Crossings Improved for Fish Passage	94 crossings	32 ↑	11	45	150
Push-up Dams Retired to Improve Fish Passage	6 dams	2 ↑	8	--	14
Fish Screens Installed on Water Diversions	17 screens	20 ↓	--	3	20
Upland Acres (e.g., Juniper Thinning, Seeding)	72,484 acres	1,288 ↑	240,777	7,262	320,523
Wetland Acres (e.g., Wetland Habitat Created)	1,514 acres	189 ↑	6,080	--	7,594
Miles of Road Closure and Decommissioning	6 miles	5 ↓	5	177	188
Miles of Road Improvements (e.g., Erosion Control)	31 miles	36 ↓	--	27	58
Miles of Riparian Invasive Treatments	299 miles	7 ↑	--	--	299

Metrics for watershed restoration activities completed and reported from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2020 as reported by state and voluntary sources (OWEB's Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory). Where comparable data standards were applied, metric data is provided from the Bureau of Land Management [BLM] and U.S. Forest Service [USFS]. Federal information excludes projects already reported to OWRI. BLM upland habitat reflects significant east-side hazard fuels reduction. USFS metric does not include full total of actual upland acres treated by USFS.

Coordinated Agency Actions

Collaboration is the heart of the Oregon Plan, and coordinated efforts continued throughout the 2019-2021 biennium. Highlights include:

- ◆ Responding to the 2020 wildfires to promote restoration and recovery
- ◆ Continued work on the Oregon 100- Year Water Vision
- ◆ Updating Oregon's climate change adaptation framework, and the issuance of Governor Brown's Executive Order on Climate Action 20-04
- ◆ Addressing challenges with tide gates along the coast

OWEB Board Recommendations

In the 2019-2021 biennium, the OWEB Board developed a robust committee structure to help the agency in addressing complex issues impacting Oregon's watersheds. The board approved the following committee-developed themes as recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds:

- ◆ The impacts of climate change are being felt across Oregon. OWEB is integrating climate mitigation and climate-smart adaptation into the agency's operations and grant-making.
- ◆ Large-scale conservation efforts implemented by high performing partnerships are vital to addressing the various environmental challenges impacting our watersheds. OWEB's Focused Investment Partnership program is unique in state granting programs, as it funds restoration at a landscape-scale.
- ◆ Cool, clean water and healthy forests, wetlands, riparian areas, streams, and estuaries provide essential natural processes that maintain and enhance water quality for fish and wildlife. These systems are fundamental to OWEB's mission and the well-being of Oregonians. OWEB will continue the agency's work in furthering the statewide natural resource strategy and strategic allocation of resources for water related initiatives.
- ◆ Collaborative monitoring and shared learning continue to inform watershed restoration. Climate change and wildfires pose new challenges and opportunities for those that study the science behind these issues, and for the restoration practitioners implementing projects in a changing world. It is critical for experts to share and translate knowledge in a manner that benefits all communities, as they work to address both long-standing restoration needs and emerging issues that face watershed restoration.
- ◆ Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be integrated throughout OWEB's operations and grant programs. Board and staff members will model diversity, equity, and inclusion while ensuring that interested parties and all potential partners are heard and engaged. OWEB will reach diverse audiences so that they are aware of the agency's grant programs, how they can participate, and to increase OWEB's understanding of the barriers to their participation. OWEB will incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion, and environmental justice into how and where the agency provides grant funding.

