



Oregon Environmental Restoration Council

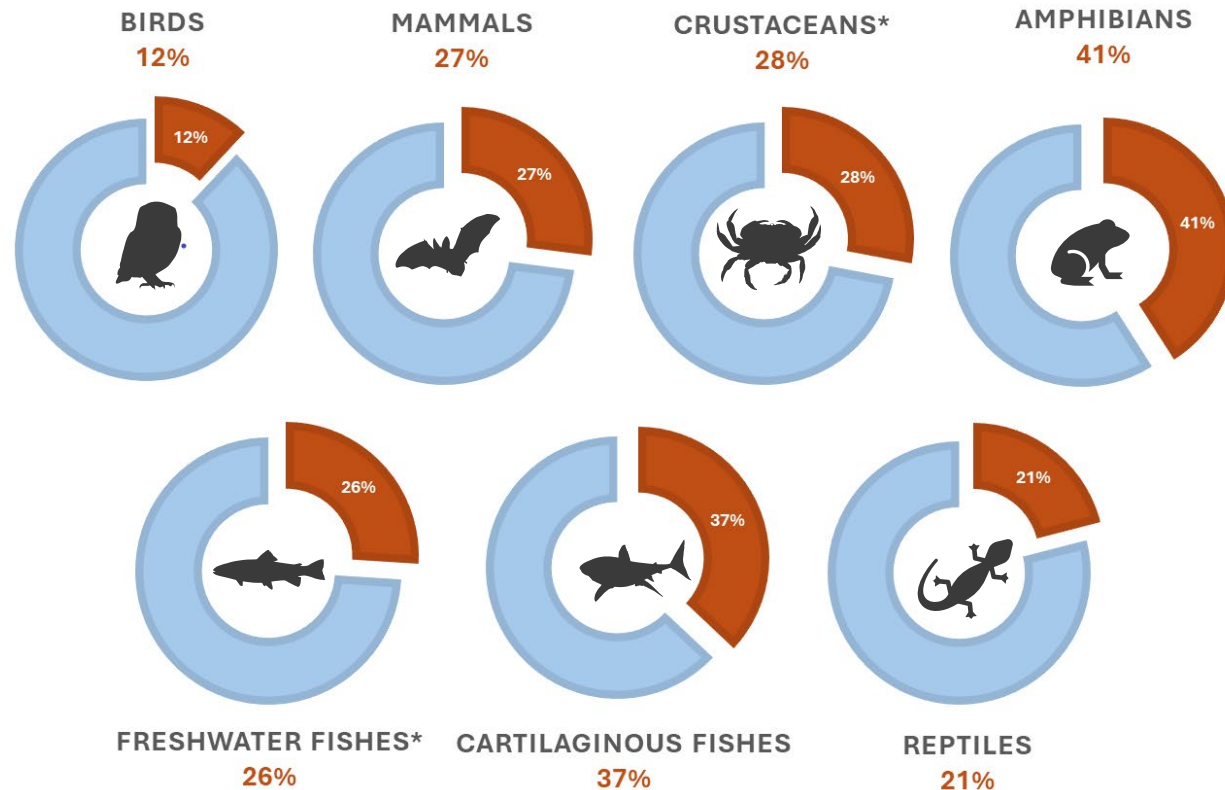
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IS WORTH PROTECTING

Globally, 1 in 4 species are at risk.



In Oregon, this pattern holds true.

Common species are no longer common

There's a reason why the
Western Meadowlark
was designated as
Oregon's state bird – yet
grassland birds are
among the most at risk

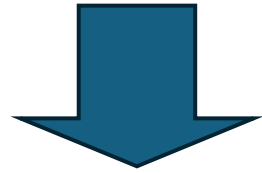


Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan

Our primary tool to address the biodiversity crisis



600+ Species assessed
~300 Greatest Conservation Need
~100 Greatest Information Need



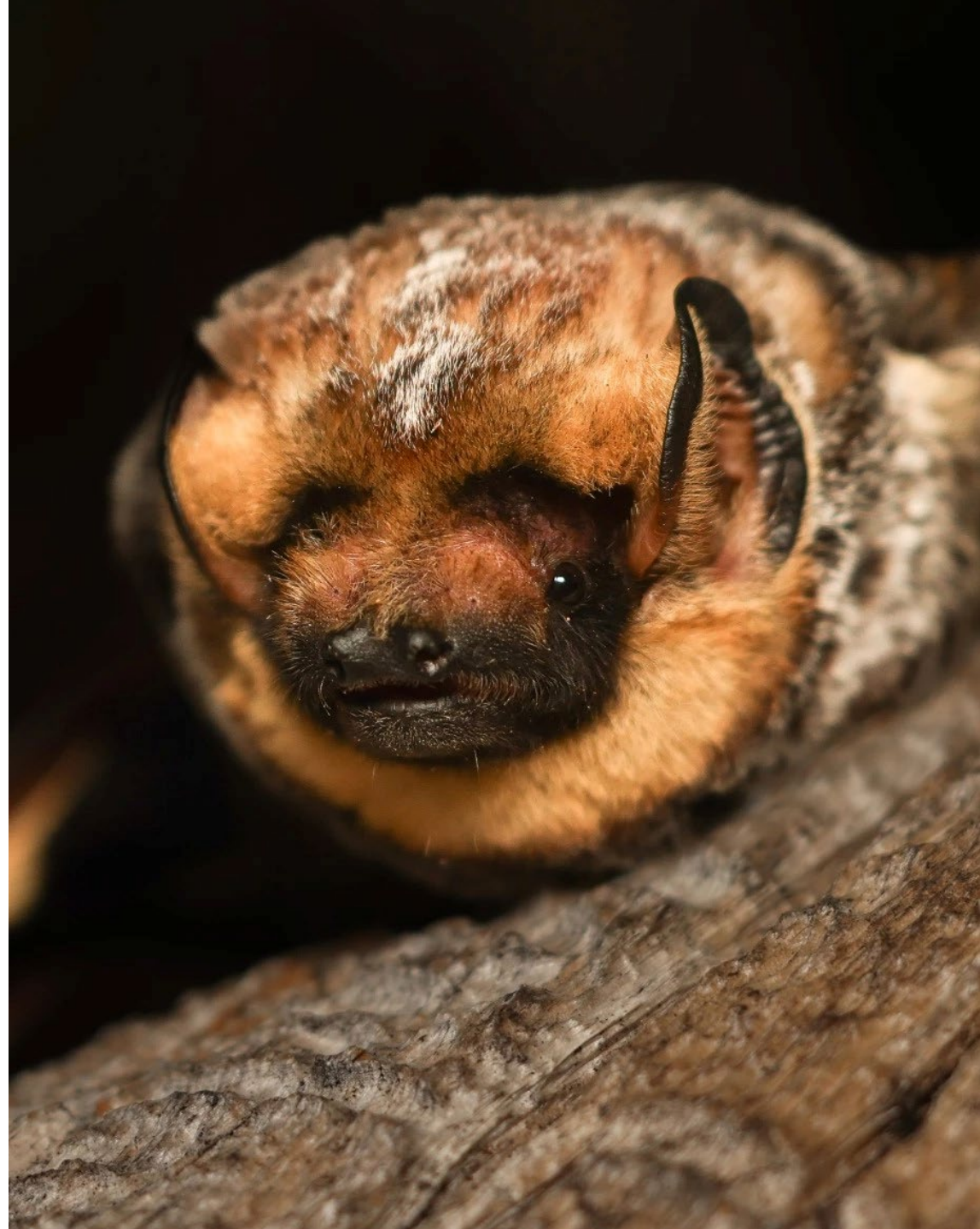
Key Conservation Issues



Key Habitats



Conservation Toolbox



SWAP Key Conservation Issues



Pollution

Reduce and mitigate negative impacts of pollutants on fish and wildlife.



Water Quality

Restore water quality to support a healthy ecosystem.



Climate Change

Build resiliency and mitigate negative impacts of climate change on fish and wildlife.



Invasive Species

Reduce the scale and spread of invasive species infestations.



Barriers to Movement

Connect habitat to support the natural movement of fish and wildlife.



Disturbance Regimes

Reduce severe wildfire impacts and restore waterways.



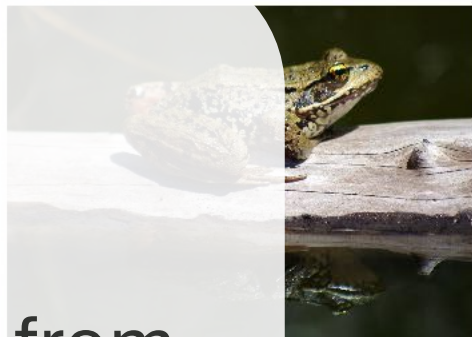
Land Use Changes

Work proactively and collaboratively to conserve key habitats.



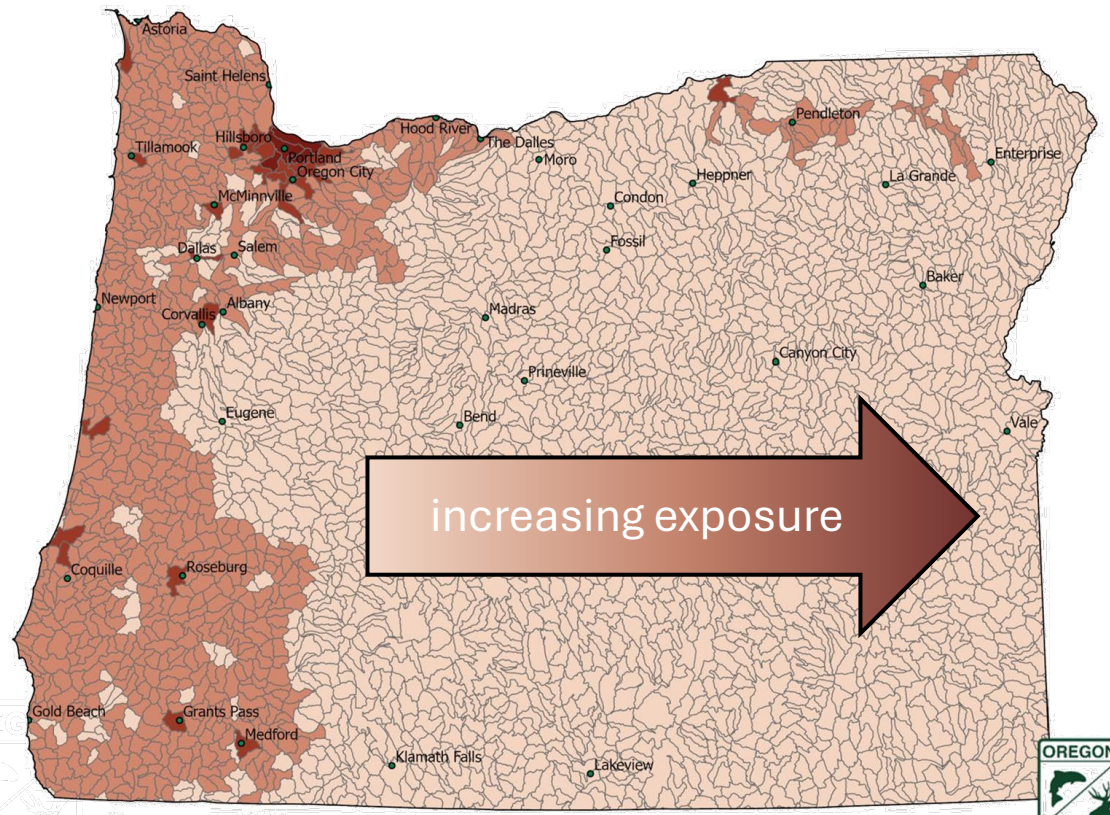
Pollutants harm **all species**.

Over **50%** of Oregon's 300+ at-risk species have documented impacts from pollutants, which cause population decline and impact growth, reproduction, movement, and survival.



Example: Tire compound is lethal to coho salmon

ODFW is identifying high exposure areas to focus efforts



While we can't often remove contaminants, we can increase productivity by restoring habitat and connectivity (mitigate)



“freshwater habitat may be sufficient to support self-sustaining populations and serves as an indication that Oregon Coast coho recovery is within reach”

Oregon has the recipe for conservation success.



THE RECIPE

Pro-active
Science-based
Collaborative
Adaptative



KNOW

- Population status
- Identify impacts
- Habitat
- Sustainability



PLAN

- Collaborate
- Prioritize
- Design and permit
- Contract



DO

- Implement
- Address pollutants
- Mitigate
- Restore habitat
- Improve water quality

Oregon has a proven track record



When we restore species and habitats, we strengthen the natural systems that keep our communities healthy and resilient

Thank you!



**Oregon Department
of Fish and Wildlife**

