

# The Pelton Round Butte Fund



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- Purpose
  - support resource protection measures for Project-related impacts not otherwise covered by specific license conditions
    - enhance and improve habitats
    - enhance aquatic and terrestrial species connectivity

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- Programs
  - General Fund
    - habitat mitigation and enhancements
  - Water Rights Fund
    - acquire or lease instream water rights, or participate in water conservation projects to achieve instream flows that benefit aquatic habitat

# Pelton Round Butte Funding

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount (2003\$)</b>	<b>Amount Deposited</b>
2005	\$3,500,000	\$3,677,000
2007	\$3,000,000	3,311,000
2011	\$5,000,000	6,092,000
2013	\$7,000,000	8,961,000
2020	\$3,000,000	5,844,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,500,000</b>	<b>\$27,885,000</b>

# Pelton Round Butte Fund Allocation

Year	Water Fund		General Fund	
	Amount (2003\$)	Amount Deposited	Amount (2003\$)	Amount Deposited
2005	\$ 3,000,000	\$3,152,000	\$ 500,000	\$525,000
2007	--		\$3,000,000	\$3,311,000
2011	\$5,000,000	6,092,000	--	
2013	\$2,000,000	\$2,560,000	\$5,000,000	\$6,401,000
2020	--		\$3,000,000	5,844,000
<b>Totals</b>	\$10,000,000	\$11,804,000	\$11,500,000	\$16,081,000

# General Fund--Priorities

Priority 1: Proposed Resource Project is upstream of the PRB Project and supports the anadromous reintroduction program by helping to achieve a self-sustaining Chinook salmon population and a sustainable salmon harvest

# General Fund--Priorities

Priority 2: Proposed Resource Project is in the lower Deschutes River mainstem and tributaries and increases the likelihood of adult and juvenile salmonid survival as fish pass through the PRB Project to and from the basin above the PRB Project

# General Fund--Priorities

Priority 3: Proposed Resource Project enhances existing and reintroduced populations of resident and anadromous fish and terrestrial wildlife upstream or downstream of the PRB Project

# Governing Board

- Membership

- Licensees<sup>\*</sup>
- CTWS Branch of Natural Resources
- CTWS Water Control Board
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- US Forest Service/Bureau of Land Management<sup>\*</sup>
- Non-Governmental Organizations<sup>\*</sup>
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (“ODFW”)
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
- Oregon Water Resources Department

# Governing Board

- Decision Making
  - One vote per member
  - Quorum requirements ensure key voting blocks are present when
  - Chairman elected annually by members
  - Strong emphasis on consensus (2 negative votes can deny a project)
  - Guidelines for conflict of interest

# General Fund 2006 Activities

- 11 applications
- 7 approved for funding
- Total awards of \$435,083





# 2006 Water Fund Activities

- Three proposals received in 2006
- One proposal authorized for funding
  - Programmatic and transactional support for water rights transactions in Whychus Creek and Crooked River

# General Fund 2007 Activities

- 28 applications
- 1 directed to Water Fund
- 20 funded
  - Trout Creek
  - Whychus Creek
  - McKay Creek
  - Crooked River
  - Metolius River
  - Warm Springs Reservation
- Total awards of \$3,495,000



# 2007 Water Fund

- Projects with Deschutes River Conservancy
  - Whychus Creek
  - Crooked River
  - McKay Creek
  - Piping Project with Three Sisters Irrigation District

# Application Materials

- Developed as an electronic form
  - Submitted electronically or mailed
  - Technical and feasibility review by implementation committees
- No firm restrictions on funding amounts
- Instruction and guidelines are available

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded
  - Land acquisition or lease of riparian, wetlands and uplands
    - Locating parcels
    - Purchase costs
    - Purchase and title expenses
    - Surveying
    - Ongoing restoration, monitoring and management

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded (cont'd)
  - Water rights acquisition
    - Locating rights
    - Purchase/lease costs
    - Purchase and title expenses
    - Ongoing monitoring
  - Water conservation projects pursuant to the Conserved Water Act, ORS 537.455 et. seq. that yield legally protected instream water rights

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded (cont'd)
  - Conservation easements
    - Locating parcels
    - Establishment of easements
    - Surveying
    - Ongoing restoration, monitoring and enforcement
  - Construction of fish passage facilities/removal of fish passage barriers
    - Removal of private and non-federal dam and/or diversion
    - Construction or improvement of fish passage facilities and/or screens, including planning, design, and effectiveness monitoring

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded (cont'd)
  - Instream habitat improvements:
    - Improvement of cover, pool and riffle structure, spawning beds, water quality
    - Planning, design and effectiveness monitoring
  - Off-Project recreation Impacts
    - Protection and enhancement of riparian corridors, wetlands, spawning and rearing habitats adversely impacted by off-Project recreation use
    - Planning, design and effectiveness monitoring

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded (cont'd)
  - Riparian and wetland protection and enhancement
    - Protection of riparian corridors and wetlands from grazing
    - Provide native species plantings
    - Manage non-native plant species
    - Erosion control
    - Planning, design and effectiveness monitoring

# General Fund

- Activities to be funded (cont'd)
  - Other activities will be funded if:
    - The Licensees include it in their proposed project recommendations to the Governing Board
    - The proposed Resource Project receives unanimous support from the Governing Board

# Other Considerations

- Consider Partnerships
  - NGOs and Watershed Councils
  - Multiple landowners
  - Resource Agencies
- Cost Sharing/Matching
  - Not required, but desirable
  - In-kind and Cash
- Technical Resources Available
  - Guidance documents in instructions
  - Watershed councils and NGOs

# Future General Fund Activity

- Next funding cycle is 2013
- Approximately \$6 million will be available for projects

# Water Rights Fund

- Administration
  - Process driven by Licensees
  - Licensees will consult with appropriate resource agencies and settlement stakeholders
  - Funding not subject to Governing Board Approval
  - Reporting Requirements

# Water Rights Fund

- Guidelines
  - Funds to be used for locating appropriate rights, purchase/lease costs, title expenses, and ongoing monitoring and for conservation projects
  - Water rights acquisitions must go instream at times and locations that improve aquatic habitat values beyond existing conditions.

# Water Rights Fund

- Guidelines (cont'd)
  - Water Project must result in net benefit to aquatic resources
  - Acquisition of permanent water rights shall be accorded a higher priority than acquisition of temporary water rights
  - Licensees will consider the price of comparable transactions

# Water Rights Fund

- Guidelines (cont'd)
  - Funds may not be used to acquire water rights that serve as mitigation for the impacts of groundwater development in the Deschutes River Basin

# Questions and Information

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