

**Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
Coastal Resilience**

On March 7th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$600,000 for coastal resilience.

The purpose of the grant is to support the Oregon Tide Gate and Infrastructure Discussion Project, which seeks to develop a suite of tools to assist landowners, communities, and others to improve and replace tide gates where necessary in order to support resilient coastal communities. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board will work in partnership with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to execute the project which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2020. The grant requires a state match, which the Board will meet with a \$300,000 contribution from Measure 76 lottery funds, for a total project budget of \$900,000. The work associated with the grant will not require any new positions and funding will be awarded no sooner than October 1st, 2017. Upon notification of a grant award, the Board will work with the Legislative Fiscal Office on federal funds expenditure limitation as appropriate.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.