

# Oregon Department of State Lands

*Ensuring a Common School Fund legacy through sound management of our trust responsibilities and the protection of waters of the state*



# Oregon's School Land Legacy

1859

## **Oregon Statehood**

*3.4 million acres of “school trust land” granted by the federal government to fund K-12 education*

**Land Board established**  
*Governor, Treasurer,  
Secretary of State*

Today

## **Common School Fund**

*\$1.6 billion fund distributes earnings from school land & other revenue to schools  
-\$57.6 million distributed in 2018*

**DSL works on behalf of  
Land Board**



# Oregon Department of State Lands Today



## STATE LAND BOARD

### Oregon Department of State Lands

**Ensuring Accountable Oversight**

*Director's Office*

**Managing Lands**

*Real Property Program*

*South Slough National*

*Estuarine Research Reserve*

**Returning Money  
to Rightful Owners**

*Unclaimed Money*

*and Estates*

**Protecting Waters**

*Aquatic Resource*

*Management Program*

**Ensuring Efficient, Effective Service**

*Administration & Operations*



# Oregon Department of State Lands Today

**\$71.12 million**

*FY 2019-21*

*Governor's Budget*

**116**

*Positions*

*FY 2019-21*

*Governor's Budget*

**\$116.3 million**

*Estimated 2019-21*

*Common School Fund  
distribution to schools*



# Managing Lands

## *Real Property Program*

### **Manages Common School Fund land to meet trust obligations**

- 741,000 acres that include rangelands, forest lands, agricultural lands, and industrial, commercial and residential property
- 767,000 acres of mineral and energy resource rights
- Maximizes financial returns by ensuring full market value is obtained for use, rental, and sale of lands





**Managing Lands: Stockade Block, Harney and Malheur Counties**



# Managing Lands

## *South Slough Reserve*

### **Provides leadership & administrative oversight for the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve**

- In 1974 DSL began administering South Slough in partnership with NOAA
- First of 28 reserves in coastal states nationwide
- 5,900 acre natural area managed for research, education, and stewardship of ecosystems and watersheds
- 194 programs with 5,303 participants in FY 2017
- 15 research projects in FY 2017





## Managing Lands: South Slough Reserve



# Returning Money to Rightful Owners

## *Trust Property Program*

### **Serving as trustee for unclaimed funds and for estates with no will and no known heirs**

- In 1957 DSL began overseeing Oregon's Unclaimed Property Law
- Protects Oregonians by requiring unclaimed assets be kept safe for their owners
- More than \$600 million currently held in Common School Fund
- Paid \$29.5 million in 14,599 claims in FY 2017
- Handled 908 estates in FY 2017



# UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

## Complying with Oregon's Unclaimed Property Law

A step-by-step guide for businesses, public agencies and organizations

### Credit Memo or Refund

Set up monthly research old. Act

- Cont
- the c
- mail
- call

## Do We Have Your Money?

Oregon is holding millions of dollars in unclaimed assets:

- Savings Bonds
- Bank Accounts
- Utility Deposits
- Stock Dividends
- Tax Refunds
- Safe Deposit Box Contents

Find Unclaimed Assets: [www.oregon.gov/dsl/Money](http://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Money)



# Protecting Waters

## *Aquatic Resource Management Program*

### **Protecting Oregon's waters through removal-fill and wetlands laws, and preserving public trust values on state waterways**

- Implement Oregon's Removal-Fill Law
- Oversee mitigation programs to replace lost wetland and waterway benefits
- Provide wetland information to public, governments
- Manage navigable waterways to preserve public trust values: navigation, fishing, recreation and commerce



# Protecting Waters

## *Removal-Fill Regulation*

- In 1967 DSL began administering Oregon's Removal-Fill Law
- Protects water resources by requiring permits for projects that remove or fill materials in waters of the state and/or wetlands
- Issues permits and ensures compliance with permit conditions
- 385 permits processed in FY 2017

# Protecting Waters

## *Mitigation Program*

- Offers mitigation options to permit holders who must replace lost wetland and waterway functions:
  - Mitigation banks sell credits to replace lost functions
  - DSL's in-lieu fee program sells credits when no mitigation bank option exists
- 22 active mitigation banks in Oregon



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## *Wetland Information & Planning*

- In 1989 DSL became responsible for Wetlands Conservation Act implementation
- Oregon working toward statewide “no net loss of wetlands” benchmark
- Helps local governments identify potential wetland constraints
- Helps property owners determine when permits are needed and provides technical review of wetland delineation maps
- Reviewed 270 maps and 601 local government wetland notices in FY 2017



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## *Waterway Leasing and Authorizations*

- Oregon owns the beds & banks of navigable waterways
- DSL issues leases, registrations, easements and other authorizations for use of those lands while also preserving public trust rights in those waterways: navigation, fishing, commerce and recreation
- 5,246 active authorizations in FY 2017



## Protecting Waters: Aquatic Resource Management Program



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