

Timber-Conservation Support for PFA Funding

Background

In February 2020 conservation interests and forest products representatives reached a historic agreement to cooperatively pursue updates to the Forest Practices Act rather than ballot initiatives.

Legislation passed in the 2020 legislative session updated pesticide application rules on forestland, codified the agreement and funded a mediated process between forestry and conservation signatories which resulted in mutually agreed upon changes to the Forest Practices Act. Subsequent legislation passed in the 2022 legislative session formalized those changes and form the basis of an application currently in development for submission to the federal services for an aquatic species Habitat Conservation Plan.

Improvements include:

- Expanded riparian/stream buffers
- New requirements for forest roads and culvert replacement
- New modeling and requirements for harvest on steep slopes
- Aquatic species habitat protection and beaver management rules
- An adaptive management framework
- Compliance and effectiveness monitoring
- Habitat mitigation funding

2022 Funding

In 2022, the Legislature approved **\$22,345, 972** supported by both the forestry industry and conservation groups to implement these critical rule changes, including both one-time startup costs and ongoing costs.

2023-2025 Biennium Budget Request

In addition to base/CSL funding provided to agencies, we urge support for:

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| \$10,000,000 | | ODF SFISH Program |
| \$6,000,000 | | ODF Adaptive Management/IRST Program |
| \$1,314,273 | | ODF Additional Service and Supplies |
| \$20,000,000 | | ODF&W PFA Mitigation Grant Fund |
| \$354,000 | | ODF&W Additional Service and Supplies |

\$37,668,273

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Private Forest Accord

Supporters

- Campbell Global
 - Nuveen Natural Capital (formerly Greenwood Resources)
 - Hampton Lumber
 - Lone Rock Resources
 - Manulife Timberland & Agriculture (formerly Hancock)
 - Oregon Forest Industries Council
 - Oregon Small Woodlands Association
 - Port Blakely
 - Rayonier
 - Roseburg Forest Products
 - Seneca Sawmill Co/Sierra Pacific Industries
 - Starker Forests
 - Weyerhaeuser
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- Audubon Society
 - Beyond Toxics
 - Cascadia Wildlands
 - Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center
 - Northwest Guides and Anglers
 - Oregon League of Conservation Voters
 - Oregon Stream Protection Coalition
 - Oregon Wild
 - Pacific Coast Fed of Fishermen's Associations
 - Rogue Riverkeepers
 - Trout Unlimited
 - Umpqua Watersheds
 - Wild Salmon Center

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