



ODFW and Tribal Partnerships in 2017

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TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Tribes located in Oregon include the Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon; Coquille Indian Tribe; Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians; and Klamath Tribes. Additional Tribes that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) works with in Oregon include the Fort McDermitt Shoshone-Paiute, Hoopa, Karuk, Nez Perce, Quileute, Quinault, Yakama and Yurok Tribes.

ODFW's Tribal Government Relations Policy (DO_100_04) promotes government-to-government relations between ODFW and Oregon's federally recognized Indian Tribes. This policy directs ODFW to include consideration of Tribal interests in the development and implementation of agency programs that may affect Tribes. ODFW recognizes and respects the sovereign status of Oregon's federally recognized Tribes and their respective authorities on Tribal lands.

In addition, ODFW has a variety of activities, agreements, contracts and shared commitments with Oregon's Tribes. The following list provides information about ODFW actions that have taken place during 2017 or are continuous in support of these partnerships.

CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COORDINATION

ODFW participates in the Government to Government Cultural Resources Cluster and Natural Resources Workgroup. These groups function as powerful communication vehicles for achieving Tribal-state collaboration and cooperation in carrying out the respective responsibilities for cultural and natural resource protection.

ODFW supported staff enrollment in the Portland State University Institute for Tribal Government's Professional Certificate in Tribal Relations course. The Deputy Director for Fish and Wildlife completed the Certificate program in 2017, and the West Region Manager is currently enrolled in the program.

CULTURAL RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP

Since 2015, ODFW has had a full time cultural resources specialist to foster cultural stewardship within the agency. This has led to increased communication with cultural resources staff of all Tribes in Oregon. It has also resulted in a better awareness of cultural resources concerns, compliance, and stewardship within the agency.

ODFW continues to ensure that cultural resources surveys are performed, as needed, on projects throughout the state. Tribal Consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation

Act (NHPA) is conducted on all federalized projects by ODFW and/or our federal project partners. In the past, ODFW collaborated with both the Coquille Indian Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to conduct archaeological surveys on state wildlife areas. Today, ODFW continues to consult and collaborate on specific projects with Tribes as opportunities arise. Specific projects are described below in “Individual Tribal Partnerships.”

ODFW participated in coordination meetings with Cultural Resources Program staff from Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; Coquille Indian Tribe; and the Klamath Tribes. ODFW aims to meet annually with Cultural Resources Program staff from all nine Oregon Tribes.

ODFW began participating in the Inter-Agency Cultural Resources Cluster (ICRC) with other state agencies and several Tribes. In addition to Cultural Resources Cluster and individual meetings with Tribes, ICRC has given ODFW a new forum to specifically discuss cultural resources developments and issues with Tribes throughout the state.

CEREMONIAL SUPPORT

ODFW provides fish and wildlife for use in various Tribal ceremonies and celebrations. ODFW provides big game tags to some Tribes. Some of the animals taken are used for ceremonial purposes. ODFW also provides Tribes with hides, antlers, teeth, claws, horns and feathers of culturally important wildlife collected in the course of normal ODFW activities upon request. In addition, ODFW provides salmon and steelhead from a number of hatcheries in support of Tribal ceremonial and subsistence needs.

MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

ODFW works with Oregon coastal Tribes on multiple marine resources issues. In 2017, ODFW participated in a regional planning meeting on marine resources, the West Coast Regional Planning Body (December 5-7, 2017). This meeting is a continuation of meetings between Tribal, federal, and state governments to define and make progress on a number of regional issues. Topics of particular interest included improving the sharing and accessibility of marine data and information, and the increasingly concerning impacts of climate change and ocean acidification on marine resources.

COLUMBIA RIVER MANAGEMENT

ODFW works with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation), the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, state fish and wildlife agencies in Washington and Idaho, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries on a variety of fisheries management, fish production, and research, monitoring and evaluation issues in the Columbia River Basin under the “2008 - 2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement.” This plan was developed and implemented under the ongoing supervision of the U.S. District Court in Portland, Oregon.

As part of ongoing negotiations in 2016 and 2017, a new Biological Assessment was completed in June 2017 by technical staff from the parties and a new 2018 - 2027 10-year agreement was agreed upon by the parties. The new agreement should be ratified by all in early 2018. In the interim, the

parties will continue to abide by the previous agreement. Species managed under both the current and future Agreements include Chinook, Coho, and Sockeye salmon, steelhead, white sturgeon, lamprey, American Shad, walleye, and other non-native species.

The Columbia River Compact, made up of representatives from Oregon and Washington, actively manage fisheries covered by the Agreement. Tribal and governmental agencies listed above actively and regularly participate in the Compact process.

COLUMBIA RIVER FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

ODFW works with the Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation), Upper Snake River Tribes (Burns Paiute Tribe, Shoshone-Paiute and Shoshone-Bannock), Upper Columbia United Tribes (Coeur d'Alene, Colville Reservation, Kalispell, Kootenai of Idaho, and Spokane), and the Salish Kootenai Tribe as well as the USFWS, NOAA Fisheries, and the fish and wildlife agencies from Washington, Montana, and Idaho to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife in the Columbia Basin affected by hydropower development. Working with the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council), Columbia Basin fish and wildlife managers identify, implement, monitor, and evaluate numerous projects funded under the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Program to benefit fish and wildlife. In addition, the fish and wildlife managers periodically work with the Council to update and revise the Fish and Wildlife Program to ensure its objectives and measures reflect current needs.

Tribal representatives from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) and/or the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon have participated with ODFW in coordination and prioritization meetings for Columbia River monitoring held by NOAA Fisheries and Bonneville Power Association (BPA), and the Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership (PNAMP).

COLUMBIA BASIN PARTNERSHIP TASKFORCE

Organized under the NOAA Fisheries' Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, the Columbia Basin Partnership (CBP) Task Force makes recommendations on common long-term salmon and steelhead population goals and helps to define a shared path to long-term salmon recovery in the basin. The CBP Task Force, with representatives from the same Tribal and non-Tribal sovereigns listed above along with a diverse group of non-sovereign stakeholders, will recommend a shared vision for Columbia Basin salmon. This vision will include both qualitative and quantitative goals to meet conservation needs and broad-sense recovery goals. This comprehensive and integrated approach to crafting common goals for both listed and non-listed Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead is a collaborative step toward protecting, restoring, and effectively managing the Columbia Basin's salmon and steelhead populations.

COLUMBIA RIVER DATA MANAGEMENT

ODFW is a partner in StreamNet, a cooperative information management and data dissemination project focused on fisheries and aquatic related data and data related services in the Columbia River basin and the Pacific Northwest. Other partners include the Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Nez Perce Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation), the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, state fish

and wildlife agencies in Montana, Washington and Idaho, NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS. This partnership supports the compilation, management, and sharing of fish and aquatic habitat information. The current primary focus is on providing status and trend data to address the Viable Salmon Population (VSP) high level indicator data needs of NOAA for 5-year status reviews, but also includes hatchery, distribution, and barrier data.

LAMPREY FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

ODFW works with Tribes throughout the state to design and conduct lamprey population assessments, and to develop and implement programs to protect and enhance lamprey populations. ODFW provides information and issues Scientific Take Permits to support ongoing Tribal research on lamprey at Willamette Falls, including a lamprey translocation from Willamette Falls to Fall Creek in the upper Willamette Basin (above Fall Creek Reservoir) being implemented by The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon.

ODFW is working with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw and other partners to monitor larval Pacific lamprey distribution the Eel Creek Basin, and on an adult monitoring plan. ODFW has designed a lamprey ramp to pass adult Pacific lamprey above the Eel Lake trap, and is coordinating with the Tribes on installation of this ramp.

ODFW also works with several Tribes, including but not limited to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon to plan and conduct a lamprey fishery at Willamette Falls. This fishery is managed under conservation measures adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to protect lamprey populations while allowing Tribal members to harvest lamprey at Willamette Falls for personal use.

Historically, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has authorized harvest at Willamette Falls by the Burns Paiute Tribe; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw; Coquille Indian Tribe; Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians; Klamath Tribes; Nez Perce Tribe; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indians; and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation. The fishery is managed without a quota. Staff closely coordinate with the Tribes on management during the season.

ODFW reviews and authorizes lamprey harvest for the Coquille Indian Tribe to gather live juvenile Pacific lamprey used for a live educational/cultural display, and for adult Pacific lamprey prepared as a traditional food for the Tribe's Restoration Day Celebration.

ODFW is working on a new conservation plan for lampreys of Oregon: "Conservation Plan for Lampreys of the Snake, Columbia, Willamette, and Coastal rivers: Pacific Lamprey, Pacific Brook Lamprey, Western Brook Lamprey, and Western River Lamprey." ODFW will be coordinating with various Oregon Tribes as the plan is developed.

ODFW is working with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw and the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership to develop and implement a Lamprey Conservation Plan for the Tenmile Lakes watershed. This will include an assessment of the current status and distribution of Pacific and Western Brook lamprey in the basin, as well as installation of a lamprey passage ramp at Eel Lake Dam.

HUNTER EDUCATION

ODFW continues to educate hunters about state and federal laws protecting cultural sites and sacred objects. An overview of this issue is included in the Big Game Hunting Regulations and in Hunter Education courses. The information was developed in 1998 through an agreement between ODFW and representatives of the Burns Paiute Tribe and Klamath Tribes. The information was updated for the 2018 Big Game Regulations, including a link to additional material on the internet. The material addresses statutes dealing with protection of sites of sacred and cultural significance, and protection of Tribal relics on both private and public lands.

ODFW hunter education program has partnered with several Tribes to provide hunter education classes at Tribal facilities. The Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde Community of Oregon offers multiple classes every year. In addition, ODFW is working with the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon to host the next annual hunter education instructor conference.

HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

ODFW works with Tribes throughout Oregon to determine hunting opportunities for Tribal members on ceded lands, set species tag numbers and harvest limits for game on ceded lands, and discuss road closures and other access and usage actions needed to balance Tribal treaty rights and cultural requirements with public recreation opportunities. Some tags provide an opportunity to take animals for ceremonial purposes.

ODFW coordinates Tribal and non-Tribal big game hunting with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. ODFW is working on an arrangement with the Burns Paiute Tribe.

HYDROELECTRIC POWER AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS PIPELINE LICENSING

ODFW works with various Tribes and other interested parties to review hydropower and liquefied natural gas (LNG) pipeline projects regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). When a hydropower project is licensed, ODFW works with the Tribes, the project operator, and other parties to implement the conditions of the license and any settlement agreements. Current cooperative licensing efforts include the Hells Canyon Complex, Klamath Basin, and the Pacific Connector Gas Pipeline projects. The Pelton Round Butte project is of special note, because ODFW works with both the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon and Portland General Electric (PGE) who are co-licensees on the project. ODFW participates with various Tribes in a number of settlement agreements around the state including Willamette Falls, the Clackamas River, and Carmen Smith hydroelectric projects.

WILLAMETTE WILDLIFE MITIGATION PROGRAM

Through the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program (WWMP), ODFW works closely with the three Tribes named in the 2010 Memorandum of Agreement between BPA and the State of Oregon to settle impacts to wildlife habitat from the federal Willamette Project dams. This settlement agreement included provisions for coordinating with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon. ODFW has coordinated

with these three Tribes in development and refinement of project selection criteria, which include specific criteria for cultural significance developed and ranked by the Tribes. Tribal staff from each of these three Tribes serve as representatives on the WWMP's Technical Review Team and policy-level Wildlife Advisory Group, assisting in scoring and ranking potential projects, as well as providing overall Program direction. In addition, ODFW coordinates annually with Tribal staff to improve the project review process, support capacity of the Tribes as partners in the program, and help build partnerships between the Tribes and other conservation organizations in the Willamette Basin. ODFW also works collaboratively with the Tribes to develop and implement management plans for the protected properties, and has coordinated with the Tribes in development of the WWMP's monitoring plan.

In 2017, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon is working toward acquiring a 97 acre project located near Sheridan. In the 2017 funding cycle, two projects were successfully acquired by the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon - the Little Sweden project (a 181 acre property located on the North Santiam River) and Austin Hot Springs (a 151 acre project located on the upper Clackamas River).

INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT

ODFW continues to work with several Tribes through the Oregon Invasive Species Council and 100th Meridian Initiative Columbia River Basin Team to alert the public to the dangers posed by invasive species, and to inform the public on how to minimize those dangers. Examples include working through CRITFC on the Columbia River Basin Interagency Invasive Species Response Plan in preparation for potential zebra and quagga mussel invasion into Oregon and working through Oregon Invasive Species Council with the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon on a wide range of issues (e.g. feral swine, yellow flag iris, African rue).

In 2010, ODFW implemented an aquatic invasive species prevention program (AISPP) for the transport of aquatic invasive species by trailered watercraft. Since the watercraft inspection program began, 80,614 watercraft have been inspected for invasive species. There were 105 watercraft intercepted and decontaminated for quagga or zebra mussels, and 1,501 intercepted for other type of bio-fouling such as invasive aquatic plants. For the 2017 field season specifically, Watercraft Inspection Teams (WIT) conducted 20,381 inspections and decontaminated 14 watercraft for quagga and zebra mussels.

MARBLED MURRELET STATUS REVIEW AND RULEMAKING PROCESS

ODFW is currently evaluating the status of the Marbled Murrelet in Oregon. This status review is in response to a petition submitted to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission by several conservation groups. The petitioners recommend that the seabird be reclassified from threatened to endangered, or "up-listed", under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. Staff produced a draft status review report for public comment and invited peer review in fall 2017. ODFW expects to present the final version of that document at the February 2018 Commission meeting. ODFW has reached out to representatives of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians on this issue and will continue to consult with Tribes as this process moves forward.

LOWER SNAKE RIVER COMPENSATION PLAN

ODFW is part of the Lower Snake River Compensation Plan program (LSRCP), which

involves ODFW, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), USFWS, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Nez Perce Tribe for artificial production of Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha river sub-basins. ODFW worked closely with the Nez Perce Tribe and Confederated Tribe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to develop annual summaries of the LSRCF hatchery program. ODFW developed Annual Operational Plans for all Oregon LSRCF facilities in cooperation with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Nez Perce Tribe.

HATCHERY AND GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

ODFW has worked with the Nez Perce Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to develop and submit Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMPs) to NOAA Fisheries for Chinook salmon and steelhead populations in the Snake Basin and the Grande Ronde, Imnaha, Umatilla, and Walla Walla subbasins.

CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY PLANNING

ODFW has worked with numerous Tribes to develop state conservation and federal recovery plans, and coordinates with Tribes as needed to implement approved conservation (state) and recovery (federal) plans. The following conservation plans are currently under development with Tribal participation and involvement:

- Mid-Columbia White Sturgeon Conservation and Mitigation Plan (with Columbia River Treaty Tribes)
- Redband Trout Conservation Plan for the Malheur Lake species management unit (with the Burns Paiute Tribe)

ODFW has spent considerable time working on the development of a conservation plan for Oregon's lamprey (Pacific Lamprey, Pacific Brook Lamprey, Western Brook Lamprey and Western River Lamprey) in the Snake, Columbia and coastal rivers. ODFW will be coordinating with various Oregon Tribes as the plan is developed.

The following conservation and/or recovery plans, or similar efforts, have been developed and approved within the last ten years with Tribal involvement, and numerous aspects of plan implementation included Tribal coordination, cooperation, or involvement:

- Oregon Coast Coho Conservation Plan (2007, with participation of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon)
- Conservation and Recovery Plan for Oregon Steelhead Populations in the Middle Columbia River Steelhead Distinct Population Segment (2010)
- Lower Columbia River and Oregon Coast White Sturgeon Conservation Plan (2011)
- Upper Willamette River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Chinook Salmon and Steelhead (2011)
- Range-wide Conservation Agreement for the Conservation and Management of Interior Redband Trout (2014)
- Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (2014)

ODFW also participates in federal recovery plan development with Tribes. There are several Snake River recovery plans for anadromous salmon and steelhead under development by NOAA Fisheries with state and Tribal participation.

NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEES

ODFW continues to work with Tribal and federal trustees on addressing the Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup and corresponding Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). Originally, the trustees included six Tribal governments. Currently there are five: The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and Nez Perce Tribe. The Yakama Tribe withdrew from the trustee council in June 2009. Other trustees are the Bureau of Indian Affairs, NOAA Fisheries, and USFWS.

ODFW represents the State on the Portland Harbor Natural Resources Damage Assessment Trustee Council (Council). The trustees developed an Injury Assessment Plan, and finalized a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for restoration activities. The trustees are currently in discussions with participating parties willing to settle their Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) liabilities. Further information on the NRDA activities for Portland Harbor can be found at this web address:

<http://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/Contaminants/PortlandHarbor/>.

Although a trustee council has not been formed, ODFW continues to work with several Tribes (The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, Nez Perce Tribe, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation) on the NRDA portion of the cleanup for the Astoria Marine Construction Company site on the Lewis and Clark River.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Management Objectives for mule deer and both Rocky Mountain and Roosevelt elk were reviewed and updated with input received from each of the nine Tribes. Wintering population numbers and buck/bull ratios for wildlife management units across the state provide a balance for sustainable herd health, recognized harvest by Tribal and non-Tribal hunters, land ownership, and related social factors such as private land damage.

Representatives from various Tribes regularly participate in statewide reviews to develop and update wildlife management plans. In 2017, ODFW presented plans to review the Wolf and Cougar management plans at the Government to Government Natural Resource Workgroup, and held individual meetings with wildlife program staff from Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, and Klamath Tribes. The revised Cougar Management Plan was adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, October 2017. The updated Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan is scheduled for adoption January, 2018.

OREGON CONSERVATION STRATEGY

The 10-year comprehensive revision of the Oregon Conservation Strategy (OCS) was completed in 2016, along with development of the new OregonConservationStrategy.org website. ODFW worked with individual Tribes as part of the collaborative review for strategy species, strategy habitats, and Conservation Opportunity Areas. Each of Oregon's Tribes has inherent interest in the natural resources across the various ecoregions. ODFW is working with individual Tribes on Oregon Conservation Strategy implementation.

INTER-TRIBAL ACTIVITIES

Many ODFW activities involve issues affecting large areas of Oregon that involve more than one Tribe.

On an ongoing basis, ODFW staff:

- Provide Fish Passage training at multiple sites in Oregon, which has been attended by various Tribal representatives.
- Cooperate with the Klamath Tribes by working with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) to identify the Upper Klamath Basin as a special implementation priority for future habitat restoration funding.
- Cooperate with the Klamath Tribes in helping to identify the Upper Klamath Basin as an area of emphasis for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation funding targeted at habitat restoration.
- Collaborate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Nez Perce Tribe to develop and implement monitoring programs for adult steelhead, juvenile salmonids, and the habitats that support them in the Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla, and Walla Walla sub-basins. The program utilizes the Columbia Habitat Monitoring Program framework along with the *Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds*.
- Participate in monitoring and evaluating Chinook salmon hatchery programs in the Grande Ronde and Imnaha basins with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe.
- Coordinate with the Nez Perce Tribe and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation on advising BPA, Bureau of Reclamation, and NOAA Fisheries on habitat recovery strategies.
- Coordinate with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Nez Perce Tribe on long-term plans for sport and Tribal spring Chinook fisheries on the Grande Ronde River, Imnaha River, and in Lookingglass Creek.
- ODFW's Marine Mammal Research and Management Program coordinates directly with CRITFC staff on non-lethal hazing efforts to reduce California and Steller sea lion predation of salmon and steelhead attempting to pass Bonneville Dam fishways.
- ODFW staff has worked jointly with CRITFC to develop a Northwest Power and Conservation Council white sturgeon framework plan that identifies mitigation needs to address reduced productivity, survival, and abundance resulting from Columbia Basin hydro system development and operation.
- ODFW staff has collaborated with CRITFC in review and development of white sturgeon Tribal hatchery master plan for impounded reaches of the lower Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam.
- Contacted Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and Nez Perce Tribe staff to discuss project activities related to a Wallowa River diversion fish screen project.
- Contacted the Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community of Oregon, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon, and the Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon staff to discuss concerns with project activities at a proposed intake for Clackamas Hatchery at Milo McIver Park on the Clackamas River.
- ODFW staff coordinate with coastal Tribes periodically to conduct stream habitat and juvenile fish inventory surveys on Tribal lands for the *Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds*. The habitat and fish information from the surveys are shared with the relevant Tribes. In 2017, sites were

located on lands of the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz Indians and Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

INDIVIDUAL TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS

In addition to the activities listed above, ODFW works with individual Tribes on many issues and activities. A list of partnerships with individual Tribes follows.

BURNS PAIUTE TRIBE

Burns, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- ODFW staff provided Burns Paiute Tribe (BPT) staff with review and comment on a wildlife passage assessment written by Tribal biologists on mule deer use near Highway 20 in Malheur Canyon.
- Worked with BPT staff to conduct a local free fishing day and youth angling event at Burns Pond.
- Provided salvaged mule deer and elk for ceremonial use and/or distribution to Tribal members.
- Worked with the BPT on cooperative wildlife habitat projects, including wildlife guzzler repair, sharing equipment and providing technical and on-the-ground assistance.
- Worked with BPT staff to recommend funding for the Mule Deer Collar Data Analysis project through Sagebrush Science Initiative Grant.
- In June 2017, ODFW and the BPT cooperatively released 153 male Chinook salmon into the upper Malheur River during the second annual experimental Chinook fishery. The fishery is meant for Tribal and non-Tribal anglers and attracted nearly 60 attendees, primarily BPT members, to watch the release and harvest more than 50 Chinook in the first two hours. This year a few radio telemetry tags were inserted into 10 of the released Chinook to better track their movements and locate holding areas. Both ODFW and BPT staff attempted to relocate these fish using ground telemetry and the OSP plane, but these efforts were not overly successful.



- ODFW continued to be an active participant in the Bull Trout Technical Advisory Committee with the BPT.
- ODFW, BPT, and Bureau of Reclamation staff completed both rounds of bull trout spawning ground surveys in August and September. Redd counts appeared to be down compared to the previous year.
- Collected and stored bald eagles carcasses for transfer to USFWS Enforcement and the National Eagle Repository for Tribal use.
- Worked with BPT staff to establish ceremonial hunting permits for deer, elk, and antelope.

This work is ongoing. ODFW will work to get something approved by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in 2018.

- On June 9, ODFW distributed 26 (~133 pounds) surplus steelhead from Three Mile Falls Dam on the Umatilla River to the BPT for subsistence and ceremonial purposes. This distribution was coordinated in agreement with CTUIR, and was deducted from the Oregon harvest share.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, AND SIUSLAW

Coos Bay, Oregon

ODFW Staff:

- Participated in a coordination meeting between the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw (CTCLS) Cultural Resources Program and ODFW local and headquarters staff. The purpose was to help ODFW staff become more familiar with cultural resource issues and values.
- ODFW is working with the CTCLS and the Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership to develop and implement a Lamprey Conservation Plan for the Tenmile Lakes watershed. This will include an assessment of the current status and distribution of Pacific and Western Brook Lamprey in the basin, as well as installation of a Lamprey passage ramp at Eel Lake Dam.
- The CTCLS, ODFW, and other cooperators continue to be part of the Tsalila Watershed Education Program. This event includes a field day for all sixth and eighth graders in the Reedsport School District during the spring season, as well as a large educational event for elementary students during September. ODFW staff from the Roseburg office worked the event in September. Education topics included fisheries management in the Umpqua River, fish identification and fish anatomy. Students also learned how to fish by using spinning rods to cast for plastic “backyard bass”.
- Provided approximately 231 adult (1,910 pounds) spring Chinook to the CTCLS from Cole Rivers and Rock Creek Hatcheries for Tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.

THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

Grand Ronde, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- Issued a Ceremonial Harvest Permit and Ceremonial Harvest Tags to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (CTGRCO) authoring the ceremonial harvest of fifteen hatchery spring Chinook salmon or hatchery summer steelhead at Willamette Falls using traditional methods. The ceremonial fishery was authorized from May 1 through July 31, 2017. Unfortunately, high river flows during the early portion of the fishing period and an extremely poor return of summer steelhead resulted in no fish being harvested.
- Issued a “Ceremonial Harvest Permit” to the CTGRCO to conduct ceremonial fisheries at Willamette Falls during the months of June and July 2016. The permit authorized the harvest of up to 15 hatchery salmon or steelhead. The fishery was conducted on June 8, 2016 and Tribal members were successful in harvesting fifteen hatchery summer steelhead.
- CTGRCO staff are continuing to participate with ODFW staff and local stakeholders in the “*Clackamas Partnership*,” a collaboration supported by an OWEB Focused Investment Partnership (FIP) Capacity Building Grant. This effort will develop a strategic plan further defining priority actions and focus areas for projects to recover salmonids in the Clackamas area.

- Continued to coordinate with CTGRCO staff on cooperative efforts to restore hydrologic connections in Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island. Tribal staff serve as very valuable members of the Sturgeon Lake Restoration Planning Group. Significant progress was made in 2017, and it is anticipated this project will begin implementation in the summer of 2018.
- ODFW coordinates closely with the CTGRCO regarding the protection of archaeological resources on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. Consultation with Tribal staff is initiated whenever a potential cultural resource is discovered.
- Continued to participate with CTGRCO representatives as members of the Portland Harbor Natural Resources Trustees to assess injury to natural resources and to seek restoration of resource losses within the Portland Harbor Superfund Site.
- District staff briefed CTGRCO biologists on general season and controlled hunt proposals involving the Trask Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) in the spring.
- Communicated with CTGRCO Natural Resources Program personnel to discuss big game management issues and distributed big game tags for tribal use in the Trask WMU. ODFW also again provided ceremonial big game harvest permits for use by Tribal members in the same area.
- Continued to participate in the annual CTGRCO Tribal Hunting Season Law Enforcement Coordination meeting in the fall. Reviewed the results of the 2016 Tribal Reservation and Trust Lands hunting seasons, discussed planned 2017 Tribal Reservation and Trust Lands hunts, and discussed coordinated enforcement of state and Tribal regulations and associated wildlife management issues.
- ODFW is working cooperatively with CTGRCO Natural Resources Program staff to collect biological samples (tail and wing) from forest grouse harvested on and adjacent to Tribal lands. These cooperative sampling efforts support both ODFW species management and CTGR Fish and Wildlife Management Plan objectives.
- Coordinated species census activities with CTGRCO members. Worked with Tribal officials to collect samples of elk and deer harvested by Tribal members and the public for statewide disease monitoring.
- ODFW provided 336 fall Chinook salmon (approximately 4,445 pounds) to the CTGRCO in 2017 from the Salmon River Hatchery for food share programs.
- Provided approximately 1,370 adult spring Chinook salmon (11,910 pounds) spring Chinook to the CTGRCO from South Santiam and McKenzie hatcheries for Tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.
- Continued to participate with CTGRCO members through the Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program to provide restoration actions for salmonids and watersheds in western Oregon.
- ODFW continues to support the CTGRCO in their lamprey translocation project.
- Coordinated with the CTGRCO to support an ongoing monitoring project on Agency Creek to evaluate run timing and population status of coho salmon and winter steelhead.
- ODFW coordinated with the CTGRCO and other fish management agencies on issues associated with implementation of the Willamette Project Biological Opinion.
- Continued coordinating with CTGRCO staff to provide information on the annual abundance of marine mammals and estimated rates of predation by California sea lions on salmon and steelhead at Willamette Falls. ODFW has been monitoring fish predation by marine mammals at Willamette Falls since 2014. In 2017, the estimated predation rate on upper Willamette winter steelhead reached 25 percent, a level that significantly threatens the upper Willamette

populations with extinction. ODFW will continue to keep the Tribes informed on this issue and proposed state and federal agency actions to address the problem.

- ODFW staff attended an on-line training event on cultural resources detection and protection in November 2017.
- ODFW Native Fish Investigations Program staff continued annual Oregon chub surveys and habitat monitoring at Chahalpam property. Staff provided technical support for the preparation of management and restoration plans for the property.
- ODFW coordinated with the CTGRCO on the ODOT-ODFW Culvert Repair Programmatic Agreement Pilot Project and the newly proposed 5-year Statewide Culvert Repair Agreement.
- ODFW coordinated with the CTGRCO on proposed Natural Resource Damage Assessment and clean-up at the Astoria Marine Construction Company site on the Lewis and Clark River.
- ODFW nominated a representative of the CTGRCO Natural Resource Management staff for the Steering Committee for the Oregon Forest Resource Institute Wildlife in Managed Forests Program.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON

Siletz, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- Held an annual meeting with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon (CTSIO) to discuss current fish and wildlife and management issues, biological status hunting seasons, new Tribal fishing site on Drift Creek, shellfish gathering, and future cooperative efforts.
- Provided 783 (4,698 pounds) of summer steelhead from the Siletz River trap and three damage/safety bears for CTSIO food share programs.
- ODFW continues to work with the CTSIO and USFWS on the 2001 Blue Line oil spill in the Yaquina River. Natural Resource Damage Assessment has been completed and negotiations are ongoing with representatives of Blue Line Transportation.
- Provided 1,242 adult (11,063 pounds) spring Chinook salmon to the CTSIO from McKenzie Hatchery for subsistence and ceremonial use.
- The CTSIO and ODFW partnered for the fifth consecutive year to hold the Lhuuke Illahee Family Fishing Event in July 2017. ODFW supplied hatchery trout that were stocked in the large pond on Tribal property at the hatchery site on Rock Creek, a tributary to the Siletz River at Logsdan. The fish were used first for the Tribal Culture Camp with additional angling provided for Tribal and other local youths at the pond following the Culture Camp. The event is considered highly successful with plans to continue it annually.
- The Western Oregon Stream Restoration Program is working with the CTSIO fisheries biologist to develop additional instream and riparian projects.
- ODFW continued to provide the three damage/safety bears with teeth and claws from black bears that were killed for damage or human safety issues from the South Willamette Watershed District.
- ODFW provided technical assistance and field support to CTSIO fish biologists responsible for implementing fish monitoring plan for the 500+ acre Southern Flow Corridor estuarine restoration project on Tillamook Bay.
- ODFW coordinated with the CTSIO on proposed Natural Resource Damage Assessment and clean-up at the Astoria Marine Construction Company site on the Lewis and Clark River.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION

Pendleton, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- Participated in a 2017 coordination meeting between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) Cultural Resources Program Commission and Tribal staff and ODFW local and headquarters staff. The purpose was to help ODFW staff become more familiar with cultural resources issues and values.
- Continue to operate Umatilla Hatchery with funding provide by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to produce 1.56 million salmon and steelhead smolts for release into the Umatilla River in 2018.
- Provided facilities and technical support at Lookingglass Hatchery to CTUIR fisheries personnel conducting steelhead and bull trout counts.
- Worked with CTUIR representatives to develop annual operation plans for Lookingglass, Irrigon and Wallowa hatcheries, and Big Canyon, Little Sheep, Imnaha, Catherine Creek, Lostine River, and upper Grande Ronde satellite facilities. Worked with Tribal representatives to handle, spawn and transport Chinook salmon and steelhead as outlined in the annual operation plans.
- Coordinated with CTUIR and the Nez Perce Tribe on the reintroduction of 500,000 coho smolts into the Lostine River.
- Participated in weekly coordination calls between CTUIR personnel and other managing entities within the Snake River Basin. These calls have effectively increased communication regarding Chinook salmon and steelhead run projections, hatchery trapping and harvest updates, and disposition of trapped fish at hatchery facilities.
- Worked with CTUIR personnel through the Snake River Harvest Forum to develop salmon harvest management schemes for northeast Oregon.
- Continued coordination with CTUIR Cultural Resources Program staff for ongoing project activities on state wildlife areas.
- ODFW La Grande Fish Health Services provided support to the lamprey restoration program.
- Coordinated with CTUIR biologists at monthly Umatilla Management, Monitoring, and Evaluation Oversight Committee meetings.
- Jointly developed Umatilla Hatchery, Basin Annual Operating Plan to outline annual operations/fish production from Umatilla Hatchery and for fish released into the Umatilla River.
- Coordinate with CTUIR fisheries staff on Threemile dam fish collection facility operations.
- ODFW Monitoring and Evaluation staff coordinate activities and provide information to CTUIR fisheries staff to inform fish management activities in the Umatilla Basin.
- Continued ongoing daily coordination between ODFW and CTUIR staff to implement the Umatilla and Walla Walla fish passage operations project. Tribal and ODFW staff work jointly to ensure fish passage facilities are operated to criteria providing the best fish passage conditions.
- Continue to coordinate with CTUIR staff on the development of Walla Walla Hatchery.
- Worked with CTUIR habitat biologists on the development of Birch Creek habitat assessment and implementation plan.
- Continue to work closely with CTUIR fish habitat restoration staff on all aspects of cooperative fish habitat projects including planning design, project implementation, monitoring and maintenance.
- ODFW continues to make use of the CTUIR native plant nursery for in stream restoration projects in the Umatilla Basin. The local nursery is able to provide more mature rooted stock

- with a higher survival rate than previous sources.
- Participated with CTUIR staff in the development of the Walla Walla flow study, which looks to restore flows to the Walla Walla River while ensuring agriculture remains intact in the area.
 - Work cooperatively with CTUIR staff on the removal of fish passage barriers on the Umatilla River. A project at Brownell Dam is currently being designed.
 - Cooperated with CTUIR to remove Dillon Dam on the Umatilla River. This included coordination to secure contingency funding for the removal of Dillon Dam. Having the financial security from Tribal contingency funds was essential to completing the dam removal.
 - Coordinate with CTUIR on the implementation of fisheries in the Umatilla basin for steelhead, fall and spring Chinook, and coho salmon as per ongoing fisheries management agreements.
 - Worked with CTUIR staff on the John Day River Bull Trout Working Group.
 - Coordinate with CTUIR fisheries staff to conduct Spring Chinook and steelhead redd counts on the North Fork John Day River.
 - ODFW coordinated on and commented on the development of the CTUIR Geologic Assessment Action Plan (GAAP) assembled for fish habitat restoration prioritization on Desolation Creek.
 - Collaborated with CTUIR staff, Umatilla National Forest, North Fork John Day Watershed Council, and Ecotrust Forest Management, Inc. to plan the holistic fish passage project of N.F. Desolation Creek culvert replacement, 10 Road bridge removal, and habitat improvement project to create a road grade set back from the floodplain when the 10 Road decommission is complete for this area.
 - Collaborated with CTUIR staff and the Umatilla National Forest on a fish passage project by replacing a culvert on Kelsay Creek.
 - Participate with CTUIR staff in the John Day Partnership (OWEB), Bull Trout working group and ATLAS prioritization. Met with Tribal representatives to discuss bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose seasons and tags.
 - Continued to provide materials and assistance for wildlife disease sampling through CTUIR collections of hunter harvested deer and elk.
 - Coordinate with CTUIR Wildlife staff and the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee on wildlife research activities and how Tribal and ODFW staff can cooperate on future projects.
 - Continue to cooperate with CTUIR on implementation of the Blue Mountain Habitat Council mitigation funds. The fund was set up to mitigate for the construction of the railroad over the Blue Mountains.
 - Coordinated with CTUIR staff on priority areas for BMEI/RMEF project funding.
 - Coordinated with the CTUIR regarding hunts at Starkey Experimental Forest and range.
 - Coordinated ODFW efforts to open Cold Springs National Wildlife Refuge to elk hunting with CTUIR staff.
 - Meet with CTUIR Wildlife staff no less than once monthly to discuss ongoing wildlife projects for both ODFW and the Tribes. Topics include cervid population management, research priorities and activities, cross jurisdictional wildlife damage coordination, both state and Tribal season structures and aspirations, energy development and review approaches, habitat enhancement efforts, and possible areas of coordination.
 - Assisted CTUIR Wildlife staff in the development of a grant proposal to expand monitoring of bighorn sheep movements in the North Fork John Day River canyon to assess disease transmission risks.
 - Cooperated with CTUIR Wildlife staff on the development of a release site for California

- bighorn sheep on ODFW's Bridge Creek Wildlife Area.
- Cooperated with CTUIR Wildlife staff on wolf locations and management in Tribal ceded lands as well as adjacent to the reservation.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION OF OREGON

Warm Springs, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- Collaborated with Confederated Tribes of The Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO) staff regarding input on several action committees of mutual interest including Lower Deschutes Managers, Deschutes Resource Conservancy, Pelton Hydro Mitigation Fish and Wildlife Committees, Governing Board for Pelton Mitigation Fund, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Habitat Conservation Plan Working Group, Crooked River and Upper Deschutes Watershed Councils and several other working groups and committees. In 2017, particular focus was coordinated participation on a review committee regarding Whychus Creek stream restoration projects.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff in adjusting daily bag limits for kokanee in Lake Billy Chinook to be implemented in the 2018 angling regulations.
- Collaborated with CTWSRO staff in developing comments and making recommendations pursuant to the Pelton Round Butte Licensees proposed Pacific Lamprey draft Mitigation Plan.
- Continue to work closely with CTWSRO staff on multiple facets of the upper Deschutes River anadromous reintroduction effort, including a proposal to begin utilizing wild lower river steelhead as brood stock for reintroduction when the lower river population is sufficiently strong to support the take.
- ODFW continued to coordinate with the USFWS and CTWSRO staff on the reintroduction of bull trout to the Clackamas River. Translocation of bull trout from the Metolius River Basin to the Clackamas River ended in 2016 and the project focus shifted to monitoring in 2017. ODFW conducted spawning surveys in known bull trout habitat, and eDNA surveys in potential spawning and rearing habitats. In autumn 2017, staff observed 76 presumed bull trout redds in Pinhead Creek and Last Creek, and 4 redds in the upper Clackamas River mainstem. This redd count represented a 21% increase over redds observed in 2016. The eDNA samples will be analyzed in 2018. Staff also deployed an array of 30 water temperature data loggers from May through October to gain a better understanding of the current availability of thermally suitable habitat for bull trout in the Clackamas basin. The results of the 2017 monitoring efforts and plans for 2018 will be reviewed with the Clackamas Bull Trout Implementation Committee, which includes CTWSRO Fisheries staff, in early 2018.
- Collaborated with CTWSRO staff on the production and enhancement of Hood River salmon and steelhead populations.
- ODFW district staff continues to work with CTWSRO staff to coordinate necessary maintenance and repair at the Moving Falls fish ladder on the West Fork Hood River.
- Cooperated with CTWSRO fisheries staff on in-basin management of Deschutes River spring and fall Chinook salmon. Efforts include developing annual run size prediction, run reconstruction efforts, joint harvest sampling and consistency with angling regulations.
- Coordinated with Tribal staff considering the disposition of spring Chinook salmon eggs collected at Round Butte and Warm Springs Hatcheries.
- Staff assisted, and participated in CTWSRO sponsored Salmon Days for Hood River Valley middle school students.

- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on efforts to update an HGMP for spring Chinook, and summer steelhead on the Hood River, as part of the Hood River Production Project.
- Collaborating with CTWSRO to implement the Hood River Production Program, a project aimed at rebuilding populations of winter and summer steelhead along with restoring the population of spring Chinook salmon.
- Collaborate with CTWSRO staff in the operation of fish trapping sites on the East Fork Hood River, at the West Fork Hood River Moving Falls trapping site to estimate escapement, and collect hatchery broodstock.
- Coordinated with the CTWSRO regarding management of fisheries and habitat in the Hood, Deschutes, and Fifteenmile Basins including regulations, planning, monitoring, restoration, and habitat protection.
- Participated with CTWSRO staff on the Lower Deschutes River Wild and Scenic Managers group.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on fall Chinook carcass recovery surveys, and aerial redd counting surveys on the Deschutes River.
- Provided 226 adult (2,260 pounds) and 823 jacks (4,115 pounds) spring Chinook as well as 124 (620 pounds) summer steelhead to the CTWSRO from Round Butte Hatchery for Tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.
- ODFW staff worked with CTWSRO staff on hunting and management of game animals on ceded lands.
- Continued coordination with CTWSRO officials regarding management of archaeological sites on wildlife areas.
- ODFW and CTWSRO staff work to monitor the success of Rocky Mountain goat reintroductions on Mt. Jefferson.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff to monitor, inventory, evaluate and manage bighorn sheep relocations into the Mutton Mountains.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO regarding monitoring for adenovirus and chronic wasting disease (CWD) in deer and elk.
- Participated in the annual Pine Creek Conservation Area advisory group committee meeting to discuss long term habitat management plans as well as Tribal and public hunting opportunities on the Conservation Area.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on investigating wolf reports received through ODFW online wolf submission system.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on spring Chinook and steelhead redd counts on the John Day River.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on the John Day Partnership through the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff on the John Day River Bull Trout Working Group.
- Collaborated with CTWSRO staff in the ATLAS prioritization for fish habitat restoration work in the John Day basin.
- Served with CTWSRO staff on the Oregon Water Resources Department, Lower Place Based Planning Group.
- ODFW Screens Program staff collaborated with CTWSRO staff on habitat and diversion projects.
- Collaborated with CTWSRO fish habitat program personnel on joint habitat projects.
- ODFW and CTWSRO co-sponsored an event on free fishing day, egg to fry in the classroom,

- and a youth natural resource camp and workshop.
- Coordinated with CTWSRO staff and Malheur National Forest on Wiwaanaytt Creek restoration, this is a three phased project area that should be complete by fall 2018. The project to date has consisted of fish passage improvements, fish habitat restoration, and work towards restoring the floodplain on this tributary to the Upper Middle Fork John Day River.
 - Coordinating with CTWSRO staff to fund pump screens on Fox Creek for habitat improvements which are slated for 2018.
 - Worked with CTWSRO staff to negotiate a tailwater project on private land on an Upper Mainstem John Day River ditch. The Tribes are proposing fish passage improvement (bridge replacement), and fish habitat improvement work for 2018.
 - In preliminary stages coordinating with CTWSRO staff on the Reynolds Creek habitat project, which includes installation of a new fish screen, fish passage improvement at current diversion, and habitat improvements on private land.
 - In the process of partnering on NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) monies applied for by CTWSRO staff. ODFW worked with CTWSRO staff to identify project sites which will be an opportunity to complete various cooperative fish enhancement projects on the Upper Mainstem John Day River. Conducted stream habitat surveys in the John Day basin on the Forrest and Oxbow properties. These surveys established post-restoration baseline data for stream and riparian conditions after recent 2016 and 2017 treatment.
 - Provided parts of bears, cougars, deer, and elk for use by CTWSRO members for cultural and educational purposes.

COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

North Bend, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- Umpqua Watershed District staff continues to work with the Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT) on the restoration of off-channel wetlands and fish passage along the mainstem Coquille River, particularly the upcoming Winter Lake Restoration Project, closely tied to the Oregon Conservation Strategy.
- Umpqua Watershed District staff met with CIT Natural Resources staff, Tribal Chief, and Tribal Council Vice-Chair regarding their desire to develop a fish propagation program on Coos Bay. Discussed species, objectives, logistics, other issues surrounding this concept, and CIT assistance in submitting potential grant applications for fish monitoring and repair of Ferry Creek Dam.
- In an ongoing project, worked with the CIT to raise and acclimate approximately 100,000 fall Chinook salmon presmolts. Presmolts were raised at the Bandon Hatchery, acclimated at CIT's Fourth Creek Reservoir and released into Coos Bay. CIT staff operated a fish trap in the Fourth Creek fish ladder to monitor adult returns of wild and hatchery salmon.
- Provided approximately 331 adult (2,609 pounds) spring Chinook to the CIT from Cole Rivers and Rock Creek Hatcheries for Tribal subsistence and ceremonial use.
- Coinciding with CIT's annual Salmon Celebration, the Coos Basin Amateur Salmon Derby was held on September 9 and 10. An ODFW mobile fish display tank was set-up at the Salmon Celebration to display live adult Chinook salmon, which were ceremonially released back into Coos Bay on the final afternoon of the Celebration.
- CIT Natural Resources Program staff are regularly invited attendees at ODFW District-hosted "Bio Breakfasts". These informal breakfast meetings are a good way for natural resource staff from agencies, Tribes, watershed councils, and other entities to network and share project

updates, and find ways to partner toward common goals.

- ODFW has entered into discussions with the CIT on developing an agreement for harvest of clams for personal use.
- ODFW worked with CIT to identify fish passage issues and conduct fish distribution surveys for a water right on one of their properties.

COW CREEK BAND OF THE UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS

Roseburg, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- ODFW staff provided 27 winter Steelhead and 71 spring Chinook to the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians (CCBUTI). These fish were used for Tribal subsistence and ceremonial purposes.
- The CCBUTI has been instrumental in the development and support of the Umpqua Basin Partnership in developing a Focus Investment Partnership (FIP) using an OWEB Capacity building grant. The team has had up to 4 different staff take place in the quarterly meetings over the past year and has hosted several meetings at the local Roseburg Tribal Office.
- The CCBUTI has been an active member and land owner in the West Fork Cow Creek Partnership. This group has had support of all landowners in the Basin and have been working together over the last three years to develop restoration projects. The CCBUTI has assisted in restoration design, restoration and biological surveys with ODFW and PUR.
- ODFW worked with the CCBUTI to obtain written permission to assess Tribal land within the West Fork Cow Creek basin in order to assist in design work on Gold Mountain Creek, Elk Valley Creek, and Bear Creek.
- ODFW continued their partnership with the CCBUTI on the South Umpqua River winter steelhead acclimation program. ODFW worked with CCBUTI to acclimate and release winter steelhead into the South Umpqua River on CCBUTI lands at the Seven Feathers Casino. Personnel from the Casino maintenance and grounds department check on the fish, monitor fish health, and feed them as needed. The CCBUTI also provides angler access to Tribal lands behind the casino as well as providing trash facilities and portable toilets.
- The CCBUTI has been active in initiating communications between local ODFW staff, Salem HQ's staff, and the OHRC to begin planning for a potential new winter steelhead acclimation facility on CCBUTI property as well as planning for a future study to evaluate the effectiveness of the South Umpqua winter steelhead hatchery program.
- ODFW, Umpqua Fishermen's Association, and the CCBUTI worked together to host four education events in the spring of 2017. Roughly 400 students were presented with information on local fisheries, fish biology, and Tribal culture.
- Working with the CCBUTI, USFWS, and other partners on the development of a Pacific Lamprey Regional Implementation Plan for the South Coast sub-region. The partners submitted a project proposal for development and funding a video counting system on the Winchester Dam lamprey ramp that was included in the final implementation plan. Currently lamprey are passed by hand from the ramp, which limits ramp operation to 4-5 days a week.
- Working with the CCBUTI to develop an eDNA marker for Umpqua Pikeminnow.
- Working with the CCBUTI, USFW, USFS, and other partners on the development of an Umpqua Chub conservation plan. Float spawning ground surveys were conducted to determine fall Chinook populations in the South Umpqua and Cow Creek this year and into the future. ODFW coordination with the CCBUTI to gain access on Tribal property was an important aspect of this project.

- Although not a signatory to the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project Settlement Agreement, the CCBUTI continues to provide input to several of the North Umpqua Working Groups on the Upper North Umpqua Hydro Project. CCBUTI also provided input to the Prospect 3 Hydro Project, which is currently in the relicensing process with FERC.
- Participated with the CCBUTI on the local watershed council along with other government and private individuals.
- CCBUTI participated with various federal agencies in the annual coordination meeting organized by ODFW Rogue Fish District.
- ODFW provided CCBUTI Natural Resources Program staff with parts from one black bear for ceremonial use.
- Worked cooperatively to trap and relocate damage beavers from the South Umpqua River drainage and monitor them after release in the Elk Creek drainage.
- Umpqua Watershed staff met with Tribal representatives several times to discuss ongoing and planned projects, and continued working toward additional cooperative projects related to lamprey management.
- ODFW reviewed and supported a research proposal to study the movements of Roosevelt elk on CCBUTI lands. The proposal sought to gain more information on the distribution and home range of elk that spend a portion of the year on CCBUTI lands in the Melrose WMU. ODFW submitted a letter of support for the research project and offered assistance with the capture and handling of elk using an ODFW corral trap. The CCBUTI research proposal was awarded a grant to conduct the study and they are now in the process of securing an ODFW Scientific Take Permit. The ODFW permit fees are being waived.
- Consulted with CCBUTI regarding proposed controlled burns at Denman Wildlife Area and are currently working collaboratively to develop best-management practices for this and future projects in culturally sensitive portions of the wildlife area.

KLAMATH TRIBES

Chiloquin, Oregon

ODFW staff:

- ODFW and Klamath Tribes staff cooperated on redband spawning ground surveys on the Wood, Williamson, and Sprague Rivers.
- ODFW and Klamath Tribes staff implemented Klamath Lake tributaries spawning gravel augmentation projects.
- ODFW and Klamath Tribes staff are working together to monitor radio tagged Klamath Lake trout movement into tributaries.
- At the request of Klamath Tribes staff, ODFW's cultural resource specialist surveyed a culturally significant site located on the north end of Summer Lake Wildlife Area. During the Ana Fire last summer, ODFW staff worked with firefighters to protect the cultural site.
- Collaborated with Klamath Tribes staff on aspects of anadromous fish reintroduction.
- Worked with the Klamath Tribes as a member of the Shortnose and Lost River Sucker Recovery Team.
- ODFW approved the release of the Klamath Tribes experimental adult suckers in Sprague River.
- ODFW and Klamath Tribes worked cooperatively on riparian planting projects on the Sprague River.
- Continued to work with the Klamath Tribes on Klamath River Dam removal agreements and

studies.

- Collaborated with the Klamath Tribes as part of the Bull Trout Technical Advisory Team.
- Klamath Tribes collected adult redband trout mortalities during the fish die off investigations in Upper Klamath Lake for current ODFW studies.
- Klamath Tribes staff reviewed project activities and recommended a monitor for excavation work for two fish screens on Drews Creek. These two projects were done in partnership with the Lakeview U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service office. Coordinated with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service staff and an archaeologist to complete cultural resource surveys and excavation monitoring.
- Klamath Tribes staff reviewed project activities at a passage project site that the Winema National Forest near Fort Klamath. Coordinated with the Winema USFS office who provided a monitor for excavation work at this site per recommendation from the Klamath Tribes.
- Klamath Tribes and ODFW collected fish from Upper Klamath Lake for ODFW/OSU Genomic Study.
- Proposed and agreed to a meeting focused on big game management and hunting regulations within the former reservation.
- Coordinated with Klamath Tribal Cultural and Heritage staff to provide materials for their annual “Culture Camp” for young Tribal members.
- Offered wildlife parts recovered from or resulting from ODFW management actions to the Klamath Tribes Cultural Heritage Program.
- ODFW continued to communicate with Klamath Tribes Cultural Heritage Program on any ground disturbing activities related to maintenance of wildlife guzzlers in Klamath and Lake Counties.
- ODFW staff and Klamath Tribes met with other state agencies at the LCIS summit in Lincoln City to discuss additional access opportunities for Tribal members on the Sprague, Wood, Williamson, and Sycan Rivers.
- Met on two occasions with Perry Chocktoot, Klamath Tribes Cultural Resources Director, to discuss cultural resources issues and next steps for a proposed Williamson River Boat Ramp project.