

Proposed Permanent Administrative Rules

DIVISION 7

SALMON SEASON STATE OF EMERGENCY GRANTS

695-007-0010 Purpose

(1) The following administrative rules apply to the state of emergency established by Executive Order No. 06-06 and No. 06-07, dated April 24, 2006, relating to limitations on commercial salmon fishing.

(2) These rules provide for action available to the Board and Director. These rules are operative until the Governor declares that the state of emergency established by Executive Order No. 06-06 and No. 06-07 is concluded. Action within these rules is intended to mitigate the economic and social impacts facing coastal communities during restricted commercial salmon fishing seasons and to advance and accelerate salmon habitat restoration and recovery efforts.

695-007-0020 Definitions

(1) “Board” means the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

(2) “Director” means the Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

(3) “Displaced Worker” or “displaced fisher” means an individual who meets the criteria adopted by the Oregon Salmon Commission to be considered displaced with respect to commercial fishing employment.

695-007-0030 OWEB Actions

(1) During the pendency of Executive Order No. 06-06 and No. 06-07 declaring a salmon season state of emergency, the Board may:

(a) Provide grant funding to support fish habitat enhancement and related projects within salmon-bearing watersheds in Oregon, for the purpose of accelerating the rebuilding of fish populations and creating employment opportunities for displaced workers, including projects that:

(A) Support fish habitat enhancement;

(B) Gather information that can be directly used for salmon habitat restoration;

(C) Conduct outreach to the public concerning salmon habitat restoration; or

(D) Support research that assists in the evaluation of salmon stocks at sea.

(b) Provide grant funding to develop projects that would enhance salmon habitat in the future.

695-007-0040 Application Criteria

(1) For grant applicants to receive funding, the following award preferences are applicable, in addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in any other applicable rule. Projects must employ displaced fishers in all project labor opportunities to the greatest extent possible over a period of several months, and also must:

(a) Provide benefit to high priority fish habitat along the Oregon coast and the Oregon portion of the Klamath River Basin;

(b) Directly address limiting factors for the recovery of coho in watersheds that drain directly to the ocean, including the Umpqua and Rogue basins;

(c) Directly address the recovery of Klamath River salmon stocks in the Klamath River Basin;

(d) Be identified in an existing watershed-scale assessment and action plan; or

(e) Address a specific limiting factor identified in the 2003-2005 Oregon Plan Biennial Report, Volume 2 published by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board in 2005.

(2) In addition to the preference criteria described in section 1, the following award preferences are applicable to specific types of grant applications:

(a) For Inventory and Data Collection grants, preference will be given to projects that focus on surveys and inventories that document conditions affecting aquatic resources or ground-truth mapping of high priority salmon habitat.

(b) For Restoration grants, preference will be given to projects that focus on restoration in high priority salmon habitat, or have received from OWEB a relevant technical assistance award in an earlier grant cycle.

(c) For Project Development grants, preference will be given to projects that have a high likelihood of being implemented within one year following completion of the project development grant, focus on high priority salmon habitat, or address a specific limiting factor identified in the 2003-2005 Oregon Plan Biennial Report, Volume 2 published by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board in 2005.

(3) The preferences identified in section 1 of this rule may also be applied to other OWEB grants, including Restoration Projects described in Division 10, Education and Outreach Grants described in Division 15, Monitoring Grants described in Division 25, and Assessment and Action Plan Grants described in Division 30, in addition to the evaluation criteria set forth in rules contained in those divisions.