



R & E Grant Application 21-23 Biennium

Project #: 21-009

Warmwater Fish Mounts

Project Information

Requested Cycle: 21-1
R&E Project Request: \$6,403
Other Funding: \$2,493
Total Project: \$8,896
Spending Start Date: 7/1/2021
Spending End Date: 6/30/2022
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Project End Date: 6/30/2022
Organization: Oregon Bass and Panfish Club, Inc (Tax ID #: 93-6033482)

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Past Recommended or Completed Projects

This applicant has no previous projects that match criteria.

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Location Information

Where is it?

The project will occur Statewide
The project will not occur on any property

Project Summary

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Please provide a couple sentence summary of the proposal.

This grant will fund the construction of three portable warmwater fish displays produced by a professional taxidermist the Oregon Bass and Panfish Club will use at the many outreach events it hosts or is invited to annually to increase awareness of and encourage angling interest in Oregon's warmwater game fish.

Overall Project Goals

Describe the primary goals or outcomes of the entire project, including elements not requesting funding from R&E.

To use quality, realistic displays depicting Oregon's warmwater game fish that can be readily transported to public events to highlight the diversity of species, inform the public about them, and to increase interest in angling for them.

Primary objectives of R&E funding

Please describe the measurable objectives for the R&E portion of the funding request.

Construct three separate, portable displays:

1. Largemouth bass, bluegill, driftwood and lily pad background.
2. Smallmouth bass, crayfish, rocky background.
3. Two adult crappie, a pumpkinseed, a yellow perch, a juvenile crappie and bluegill, driftwood background and aquatic plants interspersed.

Current Situation/Justification

Please describe the current situation and explain why this funding is needed.

The OBPC annually hosts or participates in public events to further its mission "to encourage and stimulate interest in angling for warmwater game fish." These include the Northwest Sportsmen's Show, outdoor education events held at Cabela's/Bass Pro Shops, and its annual "dry clinic" at which presentations discuss tackle and techniques. At monthly meetings, the club provides angling updates. Meetings and the clinic are advertised via print and online news publications and non-members are encouraged to attend.

These efforts help ODFW efforts to highlight the warmwater opportunities found throughout Oregon. At meetings and events, the club distributes ODFW materials and materials it has developed and highlights information it and ODFW have available online. Most importantly, club members offer personal experience and expertise and provide current information to the public.

The OBPC has been using personal fish mounts for display at these events. However, these

have worn from extensive use. ODFW has assisted the club by providing live fish for display, but collecting wild fish and releasing them after takes considerable effort. Setting up and taking down aquariums or larger fish tanks at retail or indoor settings can also present a challenge. Realistic 3D displays of warmwater fish are a proven alternative.

Recreation and Commercial Benefit

This project will provide benefits to:

Recreational fisheries

Explain how this project will contribute to current (and/or potential) fishing opportunities, access, or fisheries management.

Warmwater species are identified as "game" fish under Oregon Revised Statute. Increased angler use of warmwater species is listed as an objective under Oregon Administrative Rule. A goal of ODFW warmwater game fish management is to increase awareness of the angling opportunities available throughout Oregon and increase angler participation.

The use of realistic, 3D displays of warmwater game fish at events the OBPC hosts or is invited to will increase awareness of the warmwater species present in Oregon and serve as a backdrop for discussions club members staffing these events will have with the public. The mix of species that will be depicted represent the variety of opportunities available in most areas of Oregon including introductory, youth, and family fisheries, harvest fisheries, and quality, trophy and tournament fisheries. The full range of recreational anglers from beginning to experienced, as well as non-anglers that may just be considering the sport, attend the events the displays will be used at.

Percent benefit split between Commercial and Recreational anglers:

0 % Commercial

100 % Recreational

Please explain, or justify, how the percentage split was determined:

The project will target recreational anglers as warmwater fish in Oregon are freshwater species identified in Oregon Revised Statute as "game" fish.

This project has been identified as an ODFW priority for:

Statewide

Does this project directly support implementation of the ODFW Strategic Plan and/or current Fish Division priorities?

Yes

A goal of ODFW warmwater game fish management is to increase awareness of the opportunities available and increase angler participation. Strategies identified under the ODFW 25-Year Angling Enhancement Plan to Enhance Recreational Angling include educate the public regarding fish and fisheries and market and promote sport fishing.

Please briefly explain when this was identified as a priority and what process or workgroup was used to identified this as an ODFW priority.

Enhanced outreach has been identified as a priority by the Warmwater Working Group, a group comprised of staff and public, and by staff and public that developed the 25-Year Angling Enhancement Plan. ODFW's warmwater program has also identified the need for improved outreach and increased angler education and resource use.

Identify any plan or other document that identifies this priority.

Warmwater Game Fish Management Plan
25-Year Angling Enhancement Plan

Is this project part of an approved Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) activity?
No

This project is intended to benefit the following species:

Largemouth Bass
Smallmouth Bass
Yellow Perch
Other Species
Bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, other panfish, several species of catfish

This project will benefit anglers or fishery by providing:
Education/Outreach

Education/Outreach

This project will:

Educate the public about angling opportunities and fisheries in Oregon
Teach the public about fishing basics, fishing gear, fishing techniques, and/or fishing etiquette
Teach the public about fish (ecology, life history) and/or fish habitat needs

The main focus of this project is to:

Create educational material
Support established education program

Is this education/outreach associated with ODFW efforts?
Yes

This education/outreach effort will target:

Youth (< 18 years old)
Adults (18 years old or more)
Families (Youth and Adult family members/mentors)
New anglers
Current anglers
Returning anglers (those who used to fish but don't currently)
Underserved populations

Number of people targeted by this proposal:

Estimate the average amount of time that each attendee will participate in the proposed effort.
0.25

Explain the duration/frequency of the proposed outreach effort.

Based on past experience at events, most visitors are drawn into question/answer and discussion about the opportunities available for a minimum of .25 hours. However, given the nature of these events, this can vary with some spending less time and some spending more.

Will the developed materials be available for use by other organizations or the public(i.e curriculum, teaching techniques, educational strategies, materials)?

Yes

The displays will be available to ODFW staff for use in presentations or at similar outreach

events. The ODFW warmwater program has said it will use the displays as a simpler and more transportable approach to highlighting Oregon's warmwater fish than the the use of live fish, which has been the typical approach. This will include use at the ODFW State Fair display. The collection of live fish from wild populations, their display and maintenance, and release after is time consuming and labor intensive.

Project Description

Schedule

Activity	Date	RE Funding
Construct the displays and have them ready for use at events.	01/22	Yes

Permits

Permit	Secured?	Date Expected
No permits needed.	No	

Project Design and Description

Please describe in detail the methods or approach that will be used to achieve the project objectives.

The project will work with a professional taxidermist to develop and construct the displays. The initial research into the displays available, the selection of the taxidermist, and the selection of the species to be represented has already been done. The intent is to choose depictions of species that represent the most common and valued warmwater fish in Oregon with features of their typical interactions and habitat.

Engineering

Does the project involve capital improvement, engineering, site grading or other construction?

No

Project Management and Maintenance

What is the life expectancy of R&E funded construction, structures, equipment, supplies, data or fishery?

With proper care, the displays can have an indefinite lifespan. The displays the club has been using are mounts donated by club members that have worn over the years. However, they were not designed for frequent transport and public display as those purchased under this grant will be.

Who is responsible for long term management, maintenance, and oversight of the project beyond what is funded by R&E.

The OBPC will be responsible for long term management, maintenance, and oversight. If any damage is incurred during use by others such as the ODFW warmwater program then those users will be responsible for repairs or replacement.

Will the project require ongoing maintenance?

No

Is there a plan to collect baseline data and to conduct monitoring efforts to measure the effectiveness of the project?

Not necessary

Project Funding

Funding

Have you applied for OWEB funding for this project?

No

Has this proposal, or similar proposal for this project location, previously been denied by OWEB or other funding source?

No

Other Funding Source	Type	Secured	Dollar Value	Comments
OBPC members, ODFW staff		Secured	0	Use will be for a minimum of four events and 15 days annually, with additional events, particularly by ODFW when needed, likely.
		Total	0	

Budget

Item	Unit Number	Unit Cost	In-kind or non-cash contributions	Funding from other sources	R&E Funds	Total Costs
PROJECT MANAGEMENT						
OBPC members researching and working with contractor	75	33.24	2493	0	0	2493
		SUBTOTAL	2493	0	0	2493
IN-HOUSE PERSONNEL						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTED SERVICES						
18 inch largemouth bass	1	26.00	0	0	468	468
18 inch smallmouth bass	1	26.00	0	0	468	468
12 inch white crappie	1	26.00	0	0	312	312
12 inch black crappie	1	26.00	0	0	312	312
12 inch yellow perch	1	26.00	0	0	312	312
6 inch pumpkinseed	1	26.00	0	0	156	156
Juvenile bluegill (2), juvenile crappie (1), crayfish (1)	1	300.00	0	0	300	300
Background rocks, aquatic grass, lily pads	1	375.00	0	0	375	375
Materials for storage and transportation cases	1	1750.00	0	0	1750	1750
Labor to construct storage and transportation cases	1	1500.00	0	0	1500	1500
Contingency @ 7% (changing costs of demand, plastics)	1	450.00	0	0	450	450
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	6403	6403
TRAVEL						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
EDUCATION/OUTREACH						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
FISCAL ADMINISTRATION						
			0	0	0	0
		SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0
		BUDGET TOTAL	2493	0	6403	8896

Internal Review Results

Review Score: 2.1 out of 3

(0 = Do Not Fund, 1 = Strengthen Proposal, 2 = Recommend, 3 = Strongly Recommend)

Summary of Review Team Comments

The review team was supportive of this education effort as it would decrease burden staff and improve the ability to outreach to the public. The team felt the project could be improved by adding a set for staff use and creating specific outreach materials for use with them. Scores included one 3, and nine 2s.

Specific Review Team Comments

Great proposal, could the applicant double the request and produce two sets? That would provide a set that ODFW Districts can use at Outreach events. The process to capture, display, then release warmwater fish for Outreach events is labor intensive and sometimes unsuccessful.

The applicant should work with staff to include outreach on the harm illegal introductions of non-native fish can have to native fish populations in some locations, discourage the practice, and highlight the appropriate areas where warmwater species are available and provide good opportunity and how unlawful moving diverts time and money away from monitoring and improving fisheries.

Applicant should consider adding channel catfish, brown bullhead, and maybe other panfish (warmouth) to the display.

Specific Review Team Questions

Please explain how the budget was developed. Have you contacted companies to get a sense of costs?

The budget was drafted by interviewing three different taxidermy businesses, selecting the best quality for the most affordable rate. Also, the Oregon Bass & Panfish Club (OBPC) Board of Directors felt that having the taxidermy work done locally (Oregon or Washington) would provide better hands-on quality control of the workmanship.

OBPC solicited recommendations for taxidermy work from several well know fishermen. OBPC interviewed the three taxidermy companies and chose Artistic Taxidermy for their price point and exceptional quality.

The fish mount selections were made with budget and space constraints in mind. OBPC's objective was to create informative, interactive and durable fish mounts capable of being handled by the most inquisitive of children. The criteria for the mounts were durability, portability and storage.

Having selected three fish mount scenes, costs were developed on a cost-per-inch basis per fish, back drops, prey fish, portability and display esthetics. A cost breakdown sheet has been submitted with the application.

Do you have an estimate on the number of anglers or members of the public who may view the mounts each year? Or number of events it will be used at?

OBPC believes that the fish mounts will be viewed by between 3,000 and 7,500 members of the public each year. Most notably, the mounts will draw lots of attention at sporting shows where

OBPC will staff presenter booths. ODFW could use the mounts at the State Fair also, as was discussed with warmwater biologists. OBPC supports Oregon's Sports Fishing Caucus presentations, the most recent was held at a State Capital park in Salem.

NOTE: Doubling the project size would be totally acceptable. However, this would increase the development time by about 6-9 months and double the cost of the mounts produced. Also, be aware that logistics require that the second set of fish mounts meant for ODFW use would necessarily be stored at an ODFW site.

NOTE: Including more warmwater fish species would be possible, however OBPC believes that having selected top-tier species (Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Crappie, perch and bluegill) address 90% of the angling interest and would spur further conversations of other warmwater species in Oregon.

NOTE: Regarding illegal introductions, the warmwater fishing community initially sponsored the Turn-In-Illegal-Introductions (TI3) program in concert with OSP and ODFW. The program was funded by warmwater organizations where a bounty of \$3,300 is offered for turning in anglers who illegally introduce fish in Oregon's water bodies. This TI3 program is advertised in the Department's Fishing Regulation Guide.

Additional Files

Budget Information

Maps

Photos

[Example: Large Mouth Bass Fish Mount Photo](#)

Example: Large Mouth Bass Fish Mount

[Example: Smallmouth Bass Fish Mount Photo](#)

Example: Smallmouth Bass Fish Mount

[General Example: Panfish Fish Mount Photo](#)

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Design Information

Management Plans and Supporting Documents

Permits and Reviews

Partnerships

Public Comment

Administrative Documents

[501\(c\)3 organization documentation](#)

Proof of organization tax exempt status from the IRS

[signature form](#)

Completion Report

Objectives and Accomplishments

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Did you meet the objective? Yes

Yes, the objectives were accomplished. OBPC staff contributed 213.8 hours of in-kind labor and traveled 1,130 miles managing, coordinating and tracking project progress. Three, professionally produced warmwater fish mount displays were created and are ready for educational display and discussion with interested parties. The mount displays will increase awareness of the opportunities available and increase angler participation.

Comments

The amount reimbursed for this project is in error. It does not account for the first reimbursement request that was submitted on paper form, before this website was developed!

Grantee agreed to forfeit all remaining funds.