



On to 2012!

As we close 2011 it seems fitting to reflect on the past year and look forward to the opportunities that 2012 portends.

The staff and Board were saddened by the passing of Paul McCracken. Paul joined the Board of Directors in 1992, was a stalwart supporter of the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation and a champion of several major project initiatives include the Western Oregon Salmon Habitat and Diamond Lake Restoration Projects. Paul's counsel and help are missed!

Although our own project portfolio was slow to develop this year we made up for it, in part, by granting just over \$100,000 to a variety of projects to restore, protect, and provide access to Oregon's wildlife and outdoor resources. You'll find a detailed list of our grants-in-aid in this newsletter.

The Discovering Wildlife Lecture Series and Firsthand Oregon programs attracted attention and participation! We've published our 2012 lecture series topics and are in the process of establishing next year's Firsthand Oregon trip/tour topics. We'll have our schedule ready in early March 2012 for Oregon Wildlife member registration.

You may have noticed we are referring to ourselves as Oregon Wildlife. In June of this year our Board of Directors adopted a marketing and branding plan including recommendations to modify our name, develop a new logo, and begin developing a social media presence using Facebook, Twitter, and similar tools. From a legal standpoint we are still the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation but we've adopted the business shorthand "Oregon Wildlife". We're also using this newsletter to introduce you to our new logo; the result of much deliberation, discussion, and many drafts. Finally, we are working on the development of a suite of social media marketing tools that we hope to roll out during the first half of 2012. We are in need of volunteers to help us with electronic communications. If you are a savvy user of Facebook, Twitter, or have experience with blogs, your help is most welcome!

This year also saw a major change in how we raise operating funds for our work. Last spring we held our 1st annual Benefit Dinner & Auction at the World Forestry Center. The Dinner & Auction was an unqualified success; everyone had a great time and we almost met our stretch fundraising goal.

We also inaugurated, at our Dinner event, the Allan Kelly Award to recognize individuals or companies that have made a positive and lasting impact on Oregon's fish and wildlife resources. Our 2011 award winners were the late Paul McCracken and Governor Victor Atiyeh. Both men were unequivocal choices for the Allan Kelly Award.

We are leading or are a partner in several large projects during 2012. These include the Clear Creek Habitat Restoration Project, St. Louis Ponds development, and the Wolverine Detection Project. More information about these initiatives is provided later in this newsletter.

Finally, on behalf of our staff and Board, I want to thank our volunteers and donors for their support! Our programming and the support we provide to worthwhile fish, wildlife, and habitat projects wouldn't be possible without your generosity.

Tim
Executive Director



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PROGRAMS



Discovering Wildlife Lecture Series

Over 600 people attended our wildlife lecture series in 2011. Species and topics included cougars, wolves, urban wildlife, mountain goats, wildlife of the sage steppe, pygmy owls and other wildlife of Portland's Forest Park, and wolverines!

Our 2012 schedule includes presentations on the reintroduction of bull trout to the Clackamas River basin on January 11th, Oregon's native turtle species on February 8th, invasive species including feral swine and carp on March 7th, Pacific lamprey on April 11th, and burrowing owls on May 9th.

All lecture series events begin at 6 pm and are held in the Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center, Ecotrust Building, 721 NW 9th Avenue, Portland. These events are free but registration is required. Join Oregon Wildlife to register early!

Firsthand Oregon

Almost 100 people participated in wildlife-related trips and tours through our Firsthand Oregon program during 2011. Trip topics included, among others; Urban Bears, Falconry in Oregon, Sauvie Island Wildlife Viewing, Feeding Elk at Jewell Meadows, and Coho Salmon Viewing at Willamette Falls. We are developing our 2012 schedule and will release that, along with the opportunity to register early, to Oregon Wildlife members in early March.

Fish Camp

93 kids attended our 5 day camp in July at Camp Angelos on the Sandy River and learned a range of outdoor-related skills from tying flies to cooking and eating the trout they caught while fishing in the camp pond. 55 volunteers from organizations including ODFW, Oregon Bass & Panfish Club, and the Association of Northwest Steelheaders helped campers learn fishing skills. The kids also enjoyed learning about nature, archery, and other outdoor skills including reading animal tracks. Mark your calendars for the 2012 Fish Camp; scheduled for July 8 through the 13th.

JOIN US!

If you would like to become a member of Oregon Wildlife, join online at owhf.org/membership or call our office at 503.255.6059 to join by telephone.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITY

As we near year end, remember that if you are over 70-1/2 years old and have not yet taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you can still benefit from the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. This law allows you to donate your RMD, or up to \$100,000, to your favorite charity. This will satisfy your 2011 RMD and you will not pay federal income tax on the distribution as long as the check goes directly to a charity.

The bottom line is that if you are older than 70-1/2 years old and you donate to Oregon Wildlife or any other charity, be sure and discuss this option with your financial and/or tax advisor.

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2011-12 PROJECT PORTFOILO

Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Gilbert River ADA Fishing Piers

— Oregon Wildlife secured the funding needed to replace two dilapidated fishing piers on the Gilbert River. This very popular facility is on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area and provides ADA accessible angling for warm water fish and sturgeon. Our partner in this project was ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement Program.



Damaged Gilbert River ADA Fishing Pier

Lower Clear Creek Habitat Improvement – Phase I

Oregon Wildlife and its partners Metro, Clackamas River Basin Council, and ODFW are raising the funds needed to improve water quality and restore aquatic habitat in Clear Creek; a free-flowing tributary to the Clackamas River, and home to a variety of fish species including federally threatened and endangered coho salmon, Chinook, and steelhead. Our partnership's efforts in lower Clear Creek include up to three phases of prioritized restoration within Clear Creek from its confluence with the Clackamas River upstream 5.5 river miles. Phase I of the Lower Clear Creek Habitat Restoration Project includes 1.7 miles of stream enhancement including in-stream habitat treatments and restoration of native vegetation across 48 acres of adjacent riparian, floodplain, and upland habitat.

Development of the St. Louis Ponds Area

Oregon Wildlife is working with ODFW to develop the St. Louis Ponds Area into a year-around family-friendly facility for angling, angler education, wildlife viewing, and other wildlife-related recreation. With a grant from ODFW's Restoration and Enhancement Program, we have retained the services of Greenworks, PC, a landscape architecture firm to guide the development of a site plan for St. Louis Ponds.

Wolverine Detection Project

Oregon Wildlife is a major funder of this study, currently underway, to verify the presence of wolverines in Oregon. Wolverines, until very recently, were thought extirpated from our state. Oregon Wildlife is providing funding and raising money to support the project's objectives in 2012 which are to verify the continued presence of the wolverines identified previously and to identify a female; hopefully lactating. The combination would strongly suggest the wolverines are resident in Oregon.



Wolverine Detection Project



St. Louis Ponds Area

GRANTS-IN-AID

Oregon Wildlife supported beneficial fish, wildlife, and habitat projects with just over \$100,000 in grant assistance during 2011. The following is a summary of those awards.

Nehalem Hatchery Backup Generator Replacement - ODFW's Nehalem Fish Hatchery was granted \$10,000 to help replace their backup generator. The Nehalem Fish Hatchery raises coho salmon, steelhead, and rainbow trout. The water for the hatchery is delivered by electric pumps and the current backup is a surplus generator from the WWII era.

Columbia Basin Hunting Guide - Oregon Wildlife granted \$3,500 to ODFW to support the printing of 20,000 copies of the Columbia Basin Hunting Guide, a new publication that describes public hunting opportunities in the Columbia Basin.

Burrowing Owl Migration Study - A grant of \$4,000 was made to ODFW to support a study of burrowing owls in NE Oregon. Declining populations of burrowing owls may have altered their migratory behavior. Their migration routes and wintering areas are currently unknown. The information obtained from this study will help ODFW develop management protocols to help stem the population decline of this charismatic bird.

Construction of a Floating Blind at Sauvie Island - ODFW was granted \$7,000 to construct a floating blind/viewing platform at Sturgeon Lake on Sauvie Island. This new facility will enable hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing when high water would normally preclude those activities.

Wolverine Detection Project - Oregon Wildlife is a funder and providing ongoing support to the Wolverine Detection Project in NE Oregon's Eagle Cap Wilderness. A grant of \$15,000 was made to support 2011-12 detection efforts with additional funds being sought to purchase, place, and support backup cameras at the most promising locations. The primary objectives of the 2011-12 study are to determine if the same wolverines identified last spring are still within the study area, the presence of a female and, more importantly, a lactating female wolverine.

Feral Swine Control - With a \$9,480 grant from Oregon Wildlife and additional support from other partners, ODFW is pursuing a strategy to reduce the population of feral swine in Oregon. Feral swine compete with native wildlife and livestock for food and their grubbing activities cause erosion, reduce water quality, impair timber growth, and facilitate the establishment of noxious weeds and other non-native vegetation. Feral swine have been present in Oregon since the first permanent settlers arrived in Oregon. Recently the population of feral swine has grown dramatically with established populations in Coos, Crook, Curry, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Wasco, and Wheeler counties.

Wetland Restoration: China Camp Creek - Oregon Wildlife granted \$10,000 to the Beaver Slough Drainage District to fund a hydrologic analysis the results of which will be used to understand how tide gate operations will affect water levels, agricultural use, and wildlife in the area of a planned wetland restoration project along China Camp Creek in the lower Coquille River Valley. The project area is rich in natural resources, including important rearing and off-channel habitat for the threatened Oregon coast coho salmon, other aquatic species of concern, and migratory birds.

Port of Astoria Fish Cleaning Station - OWHF granted \$7,500 to the Port of Astoria to help fund a much needed public fish cleaning station at the East End Mooring Basin.

Salmonberry River Macro-invertebrate Survey - Oregon Wildlife made a \$2,500 grant to the NW Steelheaders so they could complete a macro-invertebrate survey that will help assist in understanding the relative health of the Salmonberry River.

Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Carp Control Study - based on a carp removal project in Minnesota and with a grant of \$3,675 from Oregon Wildlife, staff of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge will implant twenty carp with telemetry tags. Those carp will then be tracked to establish where they aggregate during the winter. This is the first step in an effort to significantly reduce the number of carp in the refuge area while doing the least harm to the Refuge's lake, wetland, and floodplain habitats.

Mobile Oregon Archery Education Program - Oregon Wildlife made a grant of \$2,000 to the Mobile Oregon Archery Education Program. Those funds will be used to replace worn out and broken equipment and for supplies that Mobile Oregon Archery Education needs to support its program in Oregon.

Lower Deschutes River Invasive Weed Control - Oregon Wildlife supported ODFW's efforts to control invasive plant species including Scottish Thistle, White Top, and Skeleton Weed on the lower Deschutes River with a grant of \$5,000. Approximately 350 acres were investigated and treated.

Ladd Marsh Summer Youth Corps Project - Oregon Wildlife made a grant of \$2,000 to ODFW that supported an Oregon Youth Conservation Corps crew last summer at NE Oregon's Ladd Marsh. The crew completed projects that benefitted a variety of fish and wildlife species and habitats.

Hepner Predator Control - Oregon Wildlife made a grant to ODFW in the amount of \$2,000 to support their efforts to control the coyote population in the Hepner Wildlife Management Unit.

Youth Fly Fishing Camp - Oregon Wildlife is providing \$500 in each of the next three years to support Trout Unlimited's youth fly fishing camp on the Clackamas River.

Acclimation Pond Upgrades - With matching funds of \$2,340 from the Foundation, ODFW's Restoration & Enhancement Program provided the funding needed to upgrade 3 salmon/steelhead acclimation ponds on Clackamas River tributaries. The improvements included backup power and oxygen systems.

Bonneville Fish Hatchery's Passport to Fishing - The Foundation granted \$1,000 to help offset expenses of this ODFW one day youth angling event. 1,700 young anglers learned about basic fishing skills and caught trout in the hatchery creek.

Horned Owl Mount Display Case - a grant of \$300 was made to Sisters Elementary School so they could purchase a custom plastic case display for a horned owl mount that was donated to them.

Native Turtle Conservation Planning - Oregon Wildlife provided capstone funding in the amount of \$15,000 to the Oregon Wildlife Institute to support their efforts to develop a conservation plan for native western painted and western pond turtles in the greater Portland area. ■



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Oregon Wildlife Benefit Dinner & Auction

Oregon Wildlife is pleased to announce our 2nd annual Benefit Dinner and Auction. Proceeds from this fundraising event benefit Oregon Wildlife and our work to *support projects that restore, protect, and provide access to Oregon's wildlife and outdoor resources.*

Our dinner program features a retrospective look at some of our accomplishments, introduces our near-term projects, and the *Allan Kelly Awards* for distinguished service to Oregon's fish and wildlife.

Our 2012 guest speaker is Tom McAllister, retired Oregonian and Oregon Journal editor and outdoor writer.

Additional features of our event include a cocktail reception as well as unique silent and live auction packages and items. This is an event that you and your guests are sure to enjoy!

The Details

Date: Saturday June 2nd, 2012

Dinner Location: World Forestry Center – Miller Hall

Reception & Silent Auction Location: Cheatham Hall (next to Miller Hall)

Individual Ticket Price: \$100

Schedule: 5:30 pm; reception/silent auction opens, 7:00 – 8:30 pm; dinner/program/live auction

We hope that you will make plans to attend! Please contact Pam or Tim at the Foundation for more information about purchasing tickets, tables, or sponsoring the Dinner.