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Reclamation Seeks Klamath River Watershed Restoration Projects

The Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Basin Area Office (KBAO), in partnership with other federal and Oregon State agencies, has announced the availability of \$650,000 in Reclamation funds for a joint Klamath River Watershed Restoration Program in fiscal year (FY) 2007. Reclamation is specifically requesting proposals to: (1) restore the Klamath River ecosystem; (2) help enhance populations of threatened coho salmon and endangered shortnose and Lost River suckers; and (3) further the fulfillment of the Federal Government's tribal trust responsibilities as they relate to the natural resources in the Klamath River watershed.

Reclamation will consider funding potential projects that enhance and restore habitat conditions, improve water quality conditions, remove fish passage barriers, reduce entrainment through the installation of fish screens, and result in water conservation efficiencies. This FY 2007 request for proposal (RFP) process is coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Fisheries Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, Oregon
Department of Fish and Wildlife, and
Oregon Watershed Enhancement
Board. Several of these agencies have
their own independent restoration
programs specifically aimed at restoring
threatened and endangered fish species
and other fish species of concern
within the entire Klamath River Basin in
Oregon and California.

The RFP has been posted at www. grants.gov for a 60 day open period from May 1, 2007, to Friday, June 29, 2007 (funding number 07SF200051).

For more information about the program, please contact Mr. Chuck Korson, Fish Passage Manager, Reclamation Klamath Basin Area Office, at 541-880-2575 or ckorson@mp.usbr. gov. Federal and state agencies also envision working cooperatively and participating in a unified, joint RFP restoration funding process for the Klamath River watershed in 2008.

Update on Klamath River Basin CIP Organizational Structure

In 2006, KBAO reviewed and built on proposals from the Klamath Basin community to develop a proposed organizational structure for the Conservation Implementation Program (CIP). The Klamath Basin CIP Organizational Structure Working Session, that was scheduled for and

postponed last December, is expected to be rescheduled at a time when all members of the Klamath River Basin community are able to gather. The meeting was postponed so as not to interfere with ongoing settlement talks related to the FERC relicensing of Klamath River dams and other activities in the basin.

KBAO is meeting with the Governor's Offices of Oregon and California to brief the states on the proposed organizational structure, how science and policy would be integrated into the structure, and how to best coordinate the CIP with the states' efforts to develop a Klamath Basin Summit. KBAO has also spoken with several watershed groups, including the Hatfield Committee, to brief them on the structure, and plans to continue the discussions with interested parties prior to the Working Session.

Copies of the proposed organizational structure are available at the CIP website, www.usbr.gov/mp/kbao/CIP/reports/index.html.

Restoring the Klamath River Basin

Examples of projects funded by the Klamath River Basin CIP in 2007 include:

- Salmon Escapement Study
- Contributions to TRRP Database (IIMS)
- NAS Review of Klamath River Basin Studies
- UKL Fish Screening with ODFW
- Coho Spawner/Juvenile Surveys in Klamath Tributaries
- Overwinter Study Age-0 Coho Monitoring and Evaluation Between Mainstem Klamath and Tributaries
- Shasta River Hydrologic/Geomorphic Fisheries Studies

- Karuk Fisheries Studies
- CIP Development
- Hatfield Science Team
- Economic Model for Klamath Project
- Whiskey Creek Fish Passage
- Williamson River Delta Hydrodynamic Model
- Summer 2007 CIP Grants (\$650K)
- Yurok Fisheries Studies

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CIP Organizational Structure

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