

April 27, 2006

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

**FROM:** Roger Wood, Grant Program Manager

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item Q: October 2006 Grant Cycle  
May 16-17, 2006 OWEB Board Meeting**

### **I. Introduction**

This report seeks Board approval for moving the October 23, 2006, grant deadline back one week to October 16, 2006, to avoid conflict with the OWEB biennial conference, which is scheduled for October 25-27, 2006. The report also seeks to inform the Board of the various grant types to be considered for the October 2006 grant cycle.

### **II. Background**

OWEB offers four grant cycles a biennium, and the dates and grant types for each are typically set toward the end of the previous biennium. Staff presented a proposed grant cycle schedule for the 2005-2007 biennium at the May 2005 Board meeting that identified October 23, 2006, as the deadline for the fall 2006 grant cycle. Board members approved the grant cycle schedule as proposed.

Occasionally, circumstances arise that compel us to consider changing either a date or the grant types we will accept. The OWEB biennial conference rotates among the five regions and this year we are scheduled to return to the North Coast region where we last convened ten years ago in 1996. For this fall's conference, staff were unable to find a suitable venue for our preferred week, which traditionally has been in mid-November after Election Day. With a limited choice of venues and available weeks, staff settled on the Seaside Convention Center from October 25-27, 2006, for the conference, which is just two days after the current application deadline.

### **III. October 2006 Application Deadline**

The timing of the conference will interfere with OWEB grant staff's timely processing of the October grant applications. It would be beneficial to staff and OWEB's regional review teams to move the deadline back one week to October 16, 2006. A change in the grant deadline at this time should not cause an undue burden on applicants. Following Board approval of the staff recommendation contained in this report, staff will flag the change on the OWEB web site and send a special announcement to its principal constituents — councils, districts, and tribes.

**IV. October Grant Cycle Spending Plan**

At the September 2005 Board meeting, staff committed to report to the Board on implementation of the spending plan for each grant program type at subsequent Board meetings and to suggest alterations if needed.

For the October 2006 grant cycle, OWEB staff have proposed to accept applications for Restoration and Acquisition, Monitoring, Assessment, Education and Outreach, and Technical Assistance projects. The total available funding for these grant program types is \$9,721,600, of which \$7,500,000 is capital (Restoration and Acquisition) and the remaining \$2,221,600 is non-capital, primarily from reserved 2006 Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Funds (PCSRF).

No alteration to the types of proposed grants to be accepted or funding reservations is required by the Board at this time. Below is a table showing the staff recommended and Board discussed spending plan reservations for each grant program type for the October 2006 grant cycle.

**October 2006 Grant Cycle Spending Plan**

| <b>Grant Program Type</b>    | <b>Fund Source</b> | <b>Amount</b>      |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Restoration and Acquisition  | Lottery capital    | \$7,500,000        |
| Monitoring                   | non-capital        | \$771,600          |
| Assessment                   | non-capital        | \$450,000          |
| Education and Outreach       | non-capital        | \$500,000          |
| Technical Assistance         | non-capital        | \$500,000          |
| <b>TOTAL funds available</b> |                    | <b>\$9,721,600</b> |

**V. Recommendation**

Staff recommend the Board approve moving the October deadline for grant applications from October 23, 2006, to October 16, 2006.