

**REPRESNATIVE GREG WALDEN  
APPROPRIATIONS PROJECT REQUEST FORM  
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

**Project Details**

**Project Title:** Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 (FRIMA)

**Organization name and address (if the project is to be carried out in a location that is different from the organization's address, please provide that city and state of project location):** Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC), 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 303, Salem, OR 97301. Projects will be carried out in the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana which then provide grants to local entities to install fish screens, fish passage devices and related project features at irrigation diversions.

**Project point of contact name, title, organization, phone number, and e-mail address in Oregon:** Anita Winkler, Executive Director, (503) 363-0121, [anitaw@owrc.org](mailto:anitaw@owrc.org)

**Describe the organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** The Oregon Water Resources Congress is a nonprofit trade association that represents irrigation districts, water control districts, and other water supply districts throughout the State of Oregon. We provide legislative and educational services to our members.

**If the organization is a private non-profit or for-profit entity, list the public entity(ies) it will partner with on the project:** Projects to be completed by irrigation districts, water control districts, other water suppliers, and local and state partners in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

**Please describe exactly how the money you are requesting will be spent and why you believe use of taxpayer funding is justified:** FRIMA is a voluntary, cost-shared program to plan, design, and construct fish screens, fish passage devices and related features to mitigate impacts to fisheries associated with irrigation diversions in portions of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and western Montana which drain into the Pacific Ocean. The purpose of FRIMA, as established by Congress, is to decrease fish mortality associated with the withdrawal of water for irrigation and other purposes without impairing the continued withdrawal of water for those purposes, and to decrease the incidence of juvenile and adult fish entering water supply systems. This program is cost-effective, produces substantive results, and receives compliments and support from a wide range of constituents, including local governments, environmental organizations, and the agricultural community. These projects will also create jobs in Oregon in the labor, engineering, and product supplier industries involved in the design and installation of fish screens and fish passage devices. Additionally, fish friendly water diversions help support sustainable agriculture and sustainable fisheries that have widespread economic and social benefits.

**Is this a new project or has it received a federal appropriations earmark in previous years? If it has received an appropriations earmark in the past, please list the fiscal year it was funded, the amount of the earmark and the federal agency and account of the earmark:** \$1 million in FY 2007, \$1,970,575 in FY 2006, \$1,972,215 in FY 2005, \$1,987,000 in FY 2003, and \$4 million in FY 2002 were appropriated to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Construction account for this project.

**Description of project's legal authorization (e.g. Transportation Bill, Energy Bill, etc.):** FRIMA is authorized under PL 106-502

**Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account; Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Improvement Projects):** US Fish and Wildlife Service, Construction account.

**If federal funds you are requesting are to go directly to a federal agency (e.g. USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES), please list the name, title and contact information (address, phone number and email) for the program director at the federal agency utilizing the funds:** Jerry Van Meter, Fish Passage Program Manager, 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR 97232, (503) 231-6217, [jerry\\_vanmeter@fws.gov](mailto:jerry_vanmeter@fws.gov)

**If your request is for the Department of Defense or another federal agency to receive appropriations for the direct purchase of a product or service from a business or research entity, does the product/service have General Services Administration (GSA) approval, GSA Schedule or GSA Blanket Purchase Agreement classification?** n/a

**If this is a transportation-related request, is the project considered by state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs? If yes, the House Committee on Appropriations requires that you provide a letter of support from these officials; please submit it as an attachment to this form:** n/a

**If this is a request for a highway project, is the project on the State's Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)?** n/a

**If this is a highway, transit, rail or aviation request did you check eligibility with the Oregon Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration or Federal Aviation Administration?** n/a

**Have you submitted a request for this project to any another Member(s) of Congress? If so, please list those House and Senate Members as well as their respective staff contacts:** The Oregon Water Resources Congress is submitting this same request to all members of Oregon's Congressional Delegation (Congressman Blumenauer, Congressman DeFazio, Congressman Schrader, Congressman Wu, Senator Merkley, and Senator Wyden) in recognition that this program benefits irrigation diversion throughout the state. OWRC has also asked peer organizations in Washington, Idaho, and Montana to make similar requests to their respective Delegations.

## Funding Details

- I. Total project cost:** Unknown. Each project funded by the states has a different federal to local match ratio. The local match must be at least 35% but has typically significantly exceeded that amount. The FRIMA legislation requires the project dollars be divided equally among the four states. Congress authorized up to \$25 million per year for the FRIMA program, or \$6.25 million per State per year. Collectively, because of strong financial cost-sharing by local entities, the FRIMA partners are carrying out fish passage projects totaling \$19.7 million, more than double the FRIMA appropriation. Stated another way, local partners incur more than half of the costs of projects. Of the total, 42% are FRIMA federal dollars and 58% are local partner dollars. During the first three years of the program, the FRIMA appropriations averaged \$3 million. After deductions for federal administrative costs and Congressional rescissions, the remaining balance is divided equally among the four states. In 2003 the applications for FRIMA funds from Oregon totaled over \$3 million dollars in FRIMA funds, more than the total appropriation for the program. These projects offered an average of 50% local match (for total project costs of over \$6 million).
- II. FY 2010 federal request:** \$25 million
- III. How much of the FY 2010 request can be spent in FY 2010?** The ability to spend the full amount depends on when the funding is distributed as construction is scheduled around the irrigation season and the timing varies for each district project.
- IV. Amounts expected to be requested in future years:** This request is for an annual appropriation for an on-going federal program. The projects that would be constructed using FRIMA funds are not multi-year projects. We expect to request \$25 million as long as districts need fish screens and other fish passage devices.
- V. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010:** \$25 million to be split among the four states.
- VI. Will there be local/regional and/or state financial support/matching funds for this project? If so, please list these source of matching funds and provide specific dollar amounts and percentages:** As described above, each project that is funded with FRIMA funds has its own budget and different non-federal funding support. The non-federal funding has typically far exceeded the statutorily required 35% with support coming from the sponsoring entities own resources, from state funds and from other non-federal funds.
- VII. Please provide as an attachment to this form formal letters of support from the County Commission and/or local elected officials where the federal funds you are requesting will be spent:** None available.
- VIII. Is this project scalable (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the recipient organization be able to put the funds to use)?** As discussed above, FRIMA funding is divided equally among the four states and each project has its own budget and constraints to work within. If partial funding is awarded, fewer projects will be completed.

**In an effort to bring greater transparency and disclosure to the Congressional Appropriations process, Republican Members of the U.S. House of Representatives ask all entities that request federal funding for projects (i.e. earmarks) to complete and submit the project certification form below.**

I, Anita Winkler, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF members of the Oregon Water Resources Congress MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District of Oregon and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Representative Greg Walden. No request will be made in which Representative Walden or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with U.S. House of Representatives rules, and within deadlines set forth by the House Committee on Appropriations. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying: Anita Winkler

Title of person certifying: Executive Director, Oregon Water Resources Congress

Project name as it will appear in the bill: Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 (FRIMA), P.L. 106-502

Legal name of entity making request: Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC)

Address: 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 303, Salem, OR 97301



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2/13/09

Date