

## Part I – Agency Profile

### Agency Overview

The Governor's Office of Species Conservation was created in 2000 with passage of Senate Bill 1490, which set up the agency within the Executive Office of the Governor. The Governor's Office of Species Conservation is dedicated to planning, coordinating and implementing the State's actions to preserve, protect and restore species listed as threatened and endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). This work will be done in coordination with the State's natural resource agencies and with input of the citizen of Idaho, while taking into consideration the economic vitality of the State. The Office of Species Conservation is located on the first floor of the Borah building across the street from the State Capitol building.

### Core Functions/Idaho Code

- 1) **Coordinate** federal ESA programs with State agencies (§ 67-818).
- 2) **Solicit**, provide, and delegate funding for ESA programs (§67-819).
- 3) **Create** de-listing advisory teams (§ 36-2402, 2403, 2404).
- 4) **Serve** as the State's "one voice" on ESA policy (§ 67-818, 2(a)).
- 5) **Provide** a mechanism for Idaho citizens to voice ESA concerns (§ 67-818, 2(g)).
- 6) **Facilitate** collaboration between State, federal and private stakeholders (§ 67-818, 2(b)(c)(g)).

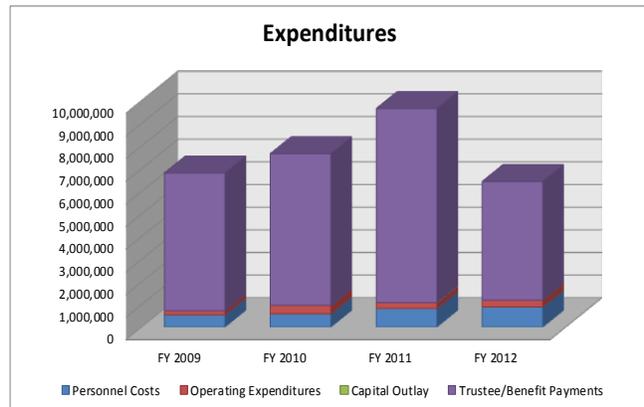
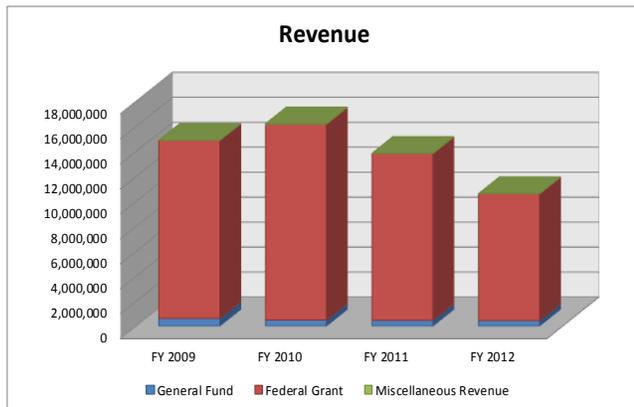
The Office of Species Conservation has four goals that guide the performance of its core functions:

- 1) Coordinate implementation of State policy among State agencies with regards to ESA programs.
- 2) Negotiate agreements with federal resource agencies that rely upon science and common sense, involve all parties affected by recovery decisions, and incorporate Idaho's economic vitality and values.
- 3) Coordinate the solicitation of funding resources, provide reasonable oversight and insure cost effective allocation of funding for ESA programs.
- 4) Provide excellent constituent services for State, federal and private stakeholders seeking assistance with ESA issues.

Key Challenges to fulfilling the Office's mission are adjustments in priority due to petitions and/or litigation, unpredictable funding sources, and random environmental events with implications for ESA species.

### Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
General Fund	\$615,800	\$484,500	\$477,500	\$451,000
Federal Grant	\$14,265,939	\$15,694,317	\$13,347,023	\$10,147,539
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Total	<b>\$14,881,739</b>	<b>\$16,206,817</b>	<b>\$13,844,523</b>	<b>\$10,613,539</b>
Expenditure	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012
Personnel Costs	\$539,322	\$588,883	\$821,149	\$890,500
Operating	\$175,788	\$332,334	\$253,441	\$303,900
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$2,535	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$6,088,395	\$6,699,639	\$8,574,245	\$5,236,200
Total	<b>\$6,803,505</b>	<b>\$7,620,856</b>	<b>\$9,651,370</b>	<b>\$6,430,600</b>



### Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
BPA Expenditures	\$0	\$76	\$576,870	\$755,425	\$1,949,963	\$2,111,184
PCSRF Funds Expenditures	\$2,164,956	\$1,994,545	\$2,446,394	\$3,264,299	\$2,614,016	\$2,272,873
SRBA Funds Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$1,964,762	\$1,657,147	\$2,790,254	\$864,617
Sage Grouse Funds Expenditures	\$469,721	\$211,492	\$159,388	\$343,649	\$533,319	\$254,178
Aquatic Species Habitat Funds Expenditures	\$73,613	\$47,024	\$64,267	\$218,860	\$181,610	\$64,703
Freshwater Mollusk Funds Expenditures	\$0	\$46,307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,340
Bull Trout	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,181
Gray Wolf Funds Expenditures	\$943,532	\$523,210	\$582,336	\$879,244	\$1,170,863	\$308,367
Roadless Funds Expenditures	\$64,034	\$8,262	\$4,143	\$13,486	\$6,257	\$14,569
Slickspot Peppergrass Funds Expenditures	\$7,811	\$834	\$13,802	\$54,685	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Funds Expenditures	\$3,046	\$2,518	\$449	\$10,000	\$338	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,726,714</b>	<b>\$2,834,267</b>	<b>\$5,812,411</b>	<b>\$7,196,795</b>	<b>\$9,246,620</b>	<b>\$5,932,013</b>

### Performance Highlights

- Participated in and/or led 40 State policy coordination meetings (including the sage grouse task force).
- Dispensed wolf depredation compensation funds: received 84 claims/awarded 78 claims/paid \$196,600.
- OSC webpage(s) visitation: 288,291 total hits; total of 16,724 visitors; average 790 hits/day.
- Conducted 3 proposal solicitations (RFP's) for OSC federal assistance programs.
- Received 23 project proposals for federal assistance.
- Awarded 18 projects for funding totaling \$7,704,632.
- Monitored Slickspot Peppergrass lawsuit on behalf of the executive office.
- Provided comments behalf of the executive office regarding:
  - Slickspot Peppergrass Proposed Critical Habitat rule.
  - Slickspot Peppergrass economic analysis associated with the Proposed Critical Habitat rule.
  - Woodland Caribou Proposed Critical Habitat rule.
  - US Forest Service Forest Planning Regulations.
  - NOAA Fisheries Lemhi River Biological Opinion.
- Assisted in developing draft recommendations for sage grouse conservation for Governor Otter.
- Used draft sage grouse conservation recommendations to assist the BLM with the development of a draft alternative for their use planning.
- Conducted 3 Sage Grouse CCAA coordination meetings.
- Fielded 60 of ombudsman assistance requests.

- Assisted sage Local Working Groups (LWG) with the coordination, funding and implementation of sage grouse conservation projects.
- Worked with constituencies on the development of sage grouse management recommendations to ensure the species' long-term viability in Idaho and to prevent the need for the federal protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- Continued efforts to maintain effective communication with multiple state and federal agencies.

## Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measures	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	Benchmark
BPA Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76	\$576,870	\$755,425	\$1,949,963	\$2,111,495	\$1,000,000
PCSRF Funds Expenditures	\$129,235	\$3,477,163	\$2,164,956	\$1,994,545	\$2,446,394	\$3,264,299	\$2,614,016	\$2,267,378	\$2,000,000
SRBA Funds Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,964,762	\$1,657,147	\$2,790,254	\$864,568	\$2,000,000
Sage Grouse Funds Expenditures	\$324,406	\$406,194	\$469,721	\$211,492	\$159,388	\$343,649	\$533,319	\$254,178	\$250,000
Aquatic Species Habitat Funds Expenditures	\$278,059	\$58,275	\$73,613	\$47,024	\$64,267	\$218,860	\$181,610	\$64,703	\$50,000
Freshwater Mollusk Funds Expenditures	\$18,872	\$1,493	\$0	\$46,307	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,340	\$3,000
Bull Trout	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,181	\$15,000
Gray Wolf Funds Expenditures	\$290,013	\$778,201	\$943,532	\$523,210	\$582,336	\$879,244	\$1,170,863	\$308,367	\$750,000
Wolf depredation and compensation (claims/awarded/amount)	25/22/100K	24/23/100K	65/58/100K	45/40/100K	45/42/100K	48/38/100K	48/38/100K	84/78/196K	50/45/150K
Roadless Funds Expenditures	\$0	\$111,856	\$64,034	\$8,262	\$4,143	\$13,486	\$6,257	\$14,569	\$8,000
Slickspot Peppergrass Funds Expenditures	\$2,385	\$27,165	\$7,811	\$834	\$13,802	\$54,685	\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Funds Expenditures	\$700	\$10,000	\$3,046	\$2,518	\$449	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,043,670</b>	<b>\$4,870,346</b>	<b>\$3,726,714</b>	<b>\$2,834,267</b>	<b>\$5,812,411</b>	<b>\$7,196,795</b>	<b>\$9,246,282</b>	<b>\$5,926,780</b>	<b>\$6,076,000</b>
State policy coordination meetings		no data available			36	24	25	40	12
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OSC webpage visits		no data available				41,130	25,448	27,057	25,000
Solicitations for conservation projects	1	1	2	3	3	5	3	3	2
Number of proposals received	45	20	30	31	31	36	29	23	25
Number of projects awarded funds	21	13	17	23	24	33	22	18	23
Amount of funding awarded to projects	\$4,876,763	\$3,248,335	\$2,539,848	\$6,036,088	\$9,870,098	\$4,859,427	\$6,158,301	\$7,704,631	\$6,000,000
Species and/or habitat status review comments	no data available		4	3	4	6	10	7	3
Requests for ombudsman assistance		no data available				180	120	60	150
Sage Grouse CCAA coordination meetings			no data available			25	5	3	0

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