

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

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

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 maintains three 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 into planning and decision-making processes.
- 3) Coordinate the solicitation of funding resources and provide reasonable oversight and insure cost effective allocation of funding for ESA programs.

Challenges to fulfilling the Office's mission include changes in federal regulations, adjustments in priorities due to petitions and/or litigation, unpredictable funding, and random environmental events that impact ESA species.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
General Fund	\$1,004,800	\$1,038,100	\$1,288,400	\$1,397,200
Federal Grant	\$12,785,700	\$12,825,300	\$12,828,100	\$12,838,800
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total	\$13,790,500	\$13,878,400	\$14,131,500	\$14,251,000
Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personnel Costs	\$1,023,000	\$1,087,100	\$942,900	\$985,300
Operating Expenditures	\$614,800	\$595,000	\$942,200	\$839,200
Capital Outlay	\$2,800	\$15,700	\$5,600	\$19,500
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$11,560,600	\$6,648,100	\$10,648,700	\$8,902,200
Total	\$13,201,200	\$8,345,900	\$12,539,400	\$10,746,200

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided *

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery	\$3,877,660	\$2,549,419	\$4,859,312	\$4,643,327
Snake River Basin Adjudication	\$4,775,038	\$1,006,665	\$1,615,949	\$333,294
Bonneville Power Fish Accords	\$2,838,035	\$2,577,825	\$3,443,200	\$3,291,469
Wolf Management	\$62,290	\$231,304	\$166,600	\$124,241
Wolf Depredation Claims / Awards	16/14	22/22	48/47	49/44
Freshwater Mollusk	\$3,570	\$780	\$650	175
Sage Grouse Conservation	\$302,181	\$426,831	\$736,300	756,120

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
U.S. Bureau of Rec.- Salmon Basin Coordination	N/A	\$230,300	\$149,800	\$617,459
Total	\$9,221,582	\$7,023,124	\$11,380,050	\$9,766,085

*Values in table represent T&B expenditures as a proxy for key services provided.

Red Tape Reduction Act

Each agency shall incorporate into its strategic plan a summary of how it will implement the Red Tape Reduction Act, including any associated goals, objectives, tasks, or performance targets. This information may be included as an addendum.

	As of July 1, 2019
Number of Chapters	N/A
Number of Words	N/A
Number of Restrictions	N/A

Part II – Performance Measures

Goal #1: Coordinated implementation of State policy among State agencies pertaining to federal ESA programs. OSC collaborates with State natural resource agencies to coordinate the State's actions on all ESA recovery plans, management plans, public comment periods, biological opinions, species specific recovery projects, and assistance programs.

Goal #2: Negotiate agreements, deliver comments on federal policy and provide technical and legal assistance. OSC facilitates and/or participates in the development of species and/or habitat conservation programs with Idaho citizens and industries that may be affected by ESA species listing decisions and critical habitat designations.

Goal #3: Coordinated solicitation, reasonable oversight and cost effective allocation of funding resources for ESA Programs. OSC solicits, provides and delegates funding towards efforts that: a) assist in precluding the need to list species through conservation efforts; b) recover listed species through conservation efforts; and c) balance species conservation with maintain working landscapes and the economic vitality of the state.

Performance Measure		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Goal 1						
<i>Coordinate State ESA Policy</i>						
1. State policy/technical coordination meetings	actual	620+	450	345	622	-----
	target	200	200	200	200	450
Goal 2						
<i>Species and/or Habitat Consultation</i>						
2. Species/habitat/policy comments and litigation	actual	25	15	33	28	-----
	target	15	15	15	15	25
Goal 3						
<i>Effective Project Management</i>						
3. Wolf depredation and compensation (claims/awarded/amount)	actual	16/14/36K	22/22/54K	48/47/149K	49/44/123.5K	-----
	target	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4. Solicitations for conservation projects	actual	2	3	3	2	-----
	target	2	2	2	2	3
5. Number of proposals received	actual	22	55	42	82	-----
	target	20	20	20	25	60

Performance Measure		FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
6. Number of projects awarded funds	actual	20	45	59	76	-----
	target	20	20	20	30	55
7. Amount of funding awarded to projects	actual	\$3,793,222	\$4,956,378	\$8,189,486	\$8,201,927	-----
	target	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$8,500,000

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