

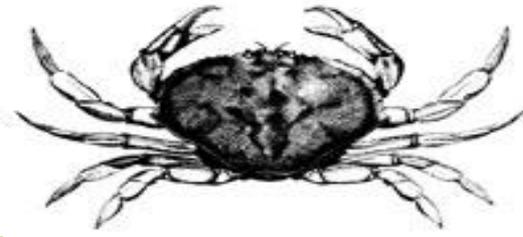
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# Fish and Game Preservation Fund

## Stakeholder Outreach

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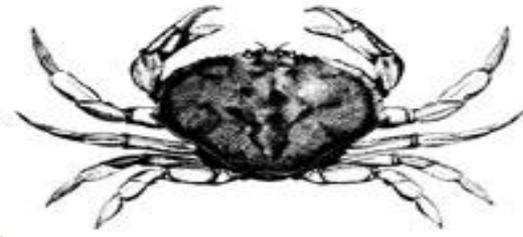


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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Background
- Revenue Options
- Expenditure Options
- Questions/Discussion



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## Background

- Fish and Game Preservation Fund: Created in 1909 as a repository for fishing and hunting license fees.
- 29 Dedicated Accounts (eg. Duck Stamp, Big Game, Abalone).
- Non-Dedicated FGPF: Everything else.

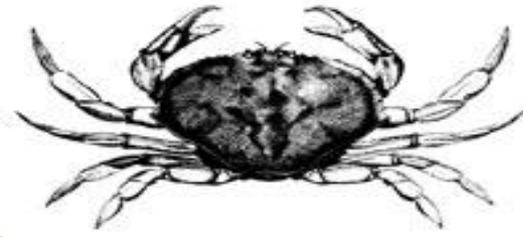


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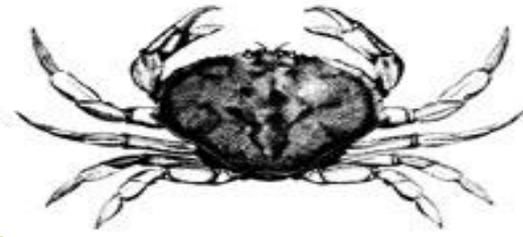
## Non-dedicated Fish and Game Preservation Fund

- Revenue from > 500 items go to FGPF-ND.
- General sport fishing, hunting licenses.
- Commercial fishing licenses.
- Landing fees.
- CEQA fees.



## Non-dedicated Fish and Game Preservation Fund

- Program Activities:
  - Wildlife habitat/lands management (incl. federal match-PR).
  - Commercial and sport fisheries management (incl. federal match-SFRA).
  - Law enforcement.
  - CEQA review.
  - Fish and Game Commission.



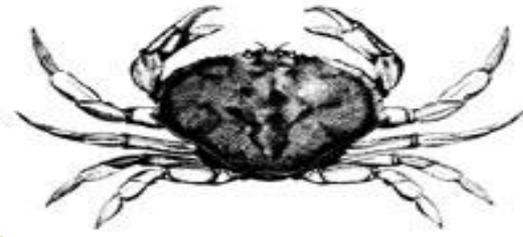
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## Non-dedicated Fish and Game Preservation Fund

- Projected 2018-19 revenue: \$83.9 million
- Projected 2018-19 expenditures: \$103.1 million
- Projected Fund Balance as of 6/30/18: \$17 million\*

\*Based on preliminary 2016-17 fiscal data; final year-end closing data not available at press time.



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## Causes of Structural Imbalance

- Fund shifts.
- Lifting of prior year spending restrictions (eg. vehicles, furloughs).
- Increased need for federal matching funds.
- Increased cost of doing business (eg. employee compensation).

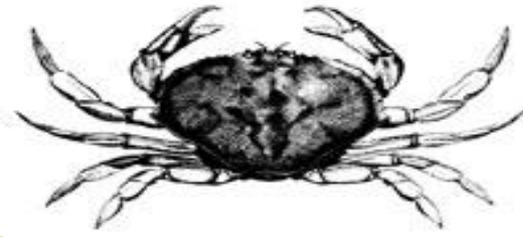


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## **How do other states generate fish and wildlife revenue? (In addition to license fees)**

- General sales tax (Missouri, Arkansas)
- Sales tax on outdoor gear (Texas, Virginia)
- Real estate transfer tax (Florida, South Carolina)
- General obligation bonds for “improvement of existing habitats” (Nevada)
- Lottery funds (Arizona, Colorado ballot initiatives; Maine legislation created a special lottery ticket)

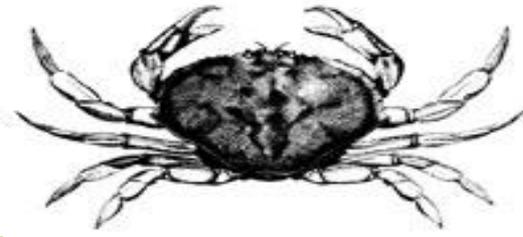


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## Oregon Task Force

- Task force created by 2015 legislation to identify sustainable sources of revenue for fish and wildlife programs.
  - Survey of Oregon residents: Endangered/native species conservation higher priority than providing fishing/hunting opportunities.
  - Task Force Recommendations December 2016:
    - Income tax return surcharge (0.62% surcharge with low income exemption - \$42.08 for a family of four with \$100K income),
- OR**
- Wholesale beverage surcharge (2.19% beverage surcharge, NOT added to container deposit charge – would add 11 cents to the price of six pack of beer)
  - No action taken by Oregon Legislature in 2017.

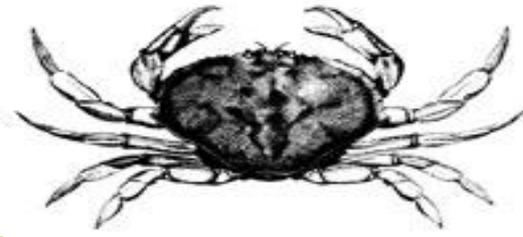


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## Revenue Options

- **Outdoor gear:** Retail tax on outdoor equipment (eg. binoculars, hiking/camping gear).
- **Other Non-consumptive User Fees:** Fee on boat rentals, diving, whale watching.
- **Statewide Fees:** Vehicle/boat registration, tire fee.

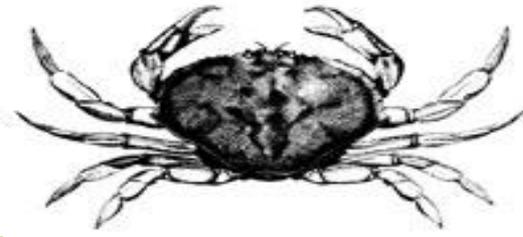


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# Mission-Based Budgeting

- 2017 Budget Act requirement.
- Review statutory mandates.
- Identify program activities relative to the department's mission.
- Budget transparency.
- Multi-year effort.



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**Questions?**  
**Comments?**  
**Suggestions?**