Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Office of Species Conservation (OSC) coordinates policies and programs for the conservation of threatened, endangered, and candidate species in Idaho. OSC provides oversight and funding for Endangered Species Act (ESA) programs, negotiates agreements with federal agencies on behalf of the state of Idaho concerning endangered or threatened species, develops an integrated state policy toward those species, and works with various federal, state, local, and private stakeholders on management strategies. OSC is established in Section 67-818, Idaho Code.

The office reverted an average of $3,403,200, or 27.4%, of their trustee and benefit payments appropriation from FY 2018-2021. Trustee and benefit payments are passed through to state agencies (such as the Dept. of Fish and Game), landowners, local units of government, and non-profits (such as Ducks Unlimited).

The appropriation for these passthrough payments was decreased in FY 2022 by $500,000 to align the expected expenditures with the appropriation.
Idaho Governor's Office of Species Conservation
Core Functions

Coordinate
- Coordinate federal ESA programs with other state agencies.

Solicit, provide and delegate
- Solicit, provide and delegate funding for ESA programs.

Provide
- Provide input and comment to federal agencies on ESA related matters.

Serve
- Serve as the State’s “one voice” on ESA policy.

Provide
- Provide a mechanism for Idaho citizens to voice ESA concerns.

Facilitate
- Facilitate collaboration between State, federal and private stakeholders.
### Historical Summary

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| BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Personnel Costs | 1,316,200 | 1,058,200 | 1,427,200 | 1,433,800 | 1,489,000 |
| Operating Expenditures | 1,089,200 | 960,000 | 1,093,500 | 1,107,900 | 1,107,900 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 22,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trustee/Benefit | 12,640,000 | 8,395,000 | 12,140,000 | 17,140,000 | 17,140,000 |
| **Total:** | 15,045,400 | 10,435,300 | 14,660,700 | 19,681,700 | 19,736,900 |
| Full-Time Positions (FTP) | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
## Revenue Streams

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FY 2023 continued one-time Sage Grouse study
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- Requesting $75,000 one-time for the 8th year of the University of Idaho Sage Grouse research study
- $75,000 was approved for sixth and seventh years FY2021 and FY 2022
- Expected to continue for next two years to contemplate interaction between grazing and sage grouse habitat
- Measurable empirical data not yet available
- Support provided by multiple partners
- Additional data collection costs estimated at $100,000
FY 2023 Travel Cost Increase
- $25,000
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- Travel to ESA habitat restoration projects for design oversight with private, state, and federal partners
- FY 2021 2% General Fund reduction of $15,100 in operating expenditures
- FY 2022 currently exceeding FY2021 by $6,000
- FY 2023 Base appropriation of $114,400, estimated cost increase of $11,900
- Estimated FY 2023 travel and training-related expenses estimated at $27,100
FY 2023 Salmon Migration Funding - $5,000,000
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Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

$5 million for Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund grant

Culvert removal and replacement to aid fish in reaching blocked habitat
FY 22 Sage Grouse Activities

- Leveraged $3.13 for every state dollar spent
- Juniper removal and similar projects on 4,078 acres in 7 counties
- Assisted 6 Rangeland Fire Protection Association partnerships
- Annual grass treatment of 7,950 acres
- $707K of $750K obligated to date
ESA successes in FY22

- Proposed Wolverine listing was withdrawn
- Water Howellia was removed from the ESA list.
Funds used for recovery and habitat work

$10.2M spent annually on average

Many actions intended to provide offsite mitigation for the FCRPS

Balancing conservation with maintaining working landscapes
Current Activities

- Sage grouse planning efforts
- Salmon and steelhead ESA 5-year status reviews
- Bull Trout Species Status Assessment and 5-year status review
- Wolf depredation compensation and prevention

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FY 2023 Budget Request
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