

Focused Investment Partnership Awards: July, 2022

Partnership	Initiative	Project #	FIP Priority	Brief Description	Anticipated OWEB Investment over 3 Biennia	Estimated Match over 3 Biennia
Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network	Little Butte Oak Initiative	223-8217-20121	Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat	Little Butte Oak Initiative will reduce the two largest threats to oak-prairie habitat: wildfire and encroaching conifer trees. Stabilizing these habitats will also help to create resilience to climate change, insects, and disease.	\$7,047,838	\$2,823,068
East Cascades Oak Partnership	Oak and Fire: Restoring Resilience in the East Cascades	223-8221-20125	Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat	East Cascades Oak Partnership will work on projects on the east slopes of the Cascade Mountains that help Oregon white oak landscapes develop resilience to climate change and wildfire. Their project will protect 15,000 acres from conversion, reverse the effects of fire suppression on 17,000 acres, and connect local landowners with management guidance and technical support.	\$7,154,000	\$13,844,000
Siuslaw Coho Partnership	Habitat Restoration for Oregon Coast Coho Recovery in the Siuslaw River and Coastal Lakes Basins	223-8222-20126	Coho Habitat and Populations along the Coast	Habitat Restoration for Oregon Coast Coho Recovery in the Siuslaw River and Coastal Lakes Basins Initiative will implement projects that increase diverse summer and winter rearing habitats for coho salmon in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes regions near Florence, Oregon.	\$12,000,000	\$12,563,005
Oregon Central Coast Estuary Collaborative (OCCEC)	Restoring Resilience in Two Estuaries	223-8223-20127	Coastal Estuaries in Oregon	Oregon Central Coast Estuary Collaborative (OCCEC) will work to address the importance of coastal estuaries which influence landscapes from the ocean to the forest hills and help to create resiliency to sea level rise. The OCCEC will collaborate to restore estuaries in the Yaquina and Alsea area where 90% of this habitat has been lost. Efforts include 900 acres of functional tidal wetlands restored, 100+ acres of tidal swamps protected, and a plan for an additional 400 acres of future restoration.	\$7,834,950	\$4,970,000
Coos Basin Coho Partnership	Coos Basin Coho Strategic Action Plan Implementation	223-8220-20124	Coho Habitat and Populations along the Coast	The Coos Basin Coho Strategic Action Plan Implementation will improve fresh and saltwater habitat for young coho that spend winters in Oregon streams and adult coho that use coastal streams to spawn. Habitat improvements aim to increase coho population in the Coos watershed area.	\$11,075,993	\$7,896,178
					\$45,112,781	\$42,096,251
					Total OWEB Investment	Total Estimated Match

1. **Name of Initiative:** Little Butte Oak Initiative
2. **Name of Partnership:** Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network
3. **Application Number:** 223-8217-20121
4. **Initiative addresses the following Board-identified Priority(ies):** Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat
5. **Initiative Abstract (from the application)**

Oak-prairie ecosystems have experienced dramatic loss and degradation. Restoration action is essential, climate-smart, and will benefit wildlife and people. Guided by the Klamath Siskiyou Oak Network Strategic Conservation Action Plan, the Little Butte Oak Initiative will reduce the two highest ranked threats - fire exclusion and conifer encroachment - through restoration actions and strengthen partnerships to support future work.

This project will:

- Catalyze tribal, federal, and private landowner collaboration, support, and capacity for oak restoration through implementation of a communication strategy, and community and tribal engagement.
- Restore 2,480 acres of oak habitat within the Initiative geography using prescribed fire, reduced encroachment, noxious weed abatement, and native understory.

Toward the following ecological outcomes:

- Stable populations of oak-prairie-dependent wildlife species sustained by habitat structure and native plant species composition.
- Oak-prairie ecosystems resilient to habitat loss and degradation from climate, extreme fire, insects, and disease.

Core partners include Klamath Bird Observatory, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture, Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative, The Nature Conservancy, Understory Initiative, Bureau of Land Management Medford District, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and US Forest Service Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

6. Budget Overview:

Funding Period	OWEB Funding Request	Estimated Match
Biennium 1	\$1,373,266	\$959,420
Biennium 2	\$2,714,735	\$1,044,376
Biennium 3	\$2,959,837	\$819,272
Total	\$7,047,838	\$2,823,068

KSON Proposed Initiative Overview

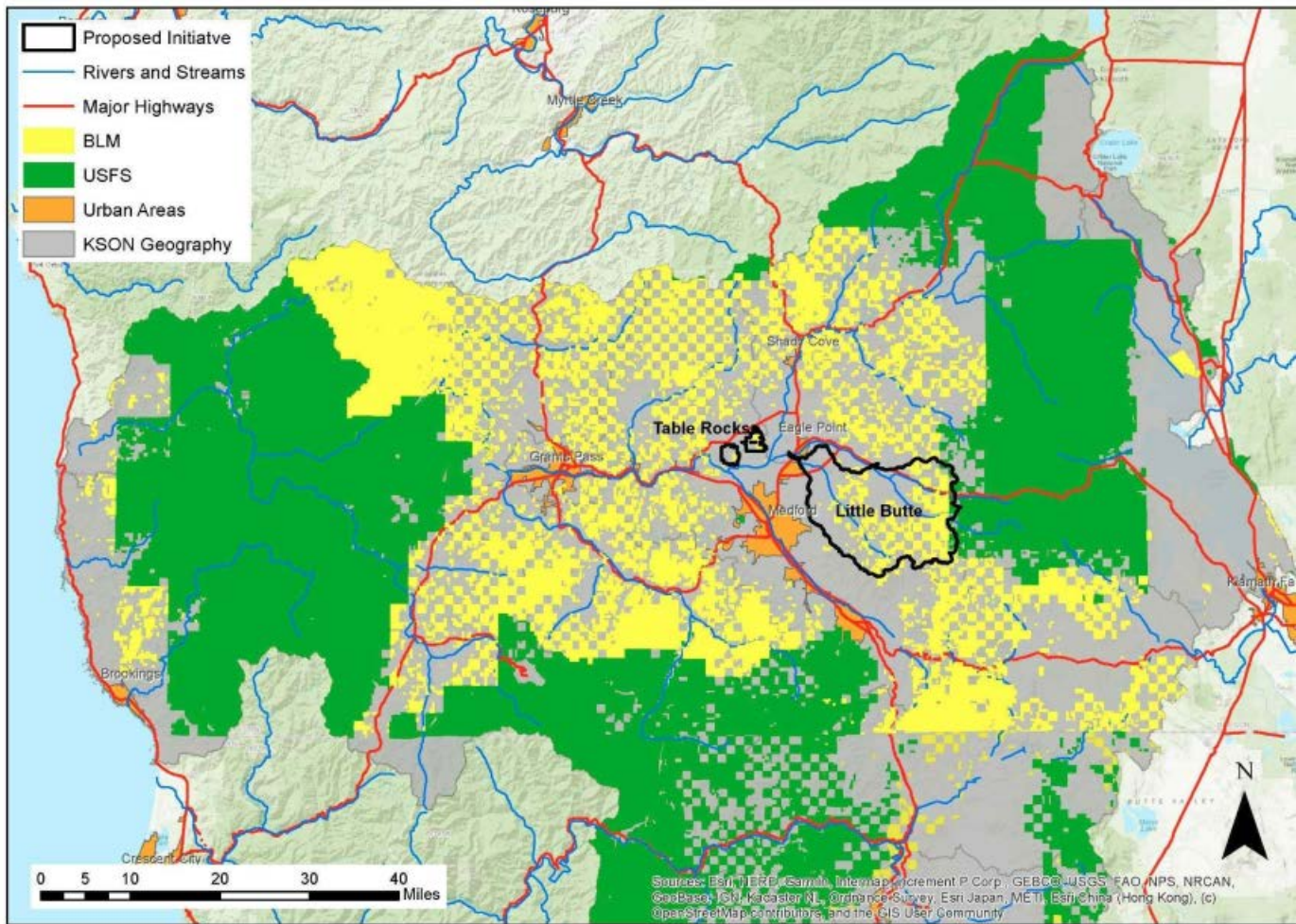


Figure 3. KSON Proposed Initiative geography overview. The Little Butte Oak Initiative (i.e., focal geography) includes the Little Butte Creek Watershed and Table Rocks Conservation Area.

1. **Name of Initiative:** Oak and Fire: Restoring Resilience in the East Cascades
2. **Name of Partnership:** East Cascades Oak Partnership
3. **Application Number:** 223-8221-20125
4. **Initiative addresses the following Board-identified Priority(ies):** Oak Woodland and Prairie Habitat
5. **Initiative Abstract (from the application)**

The East Cascades Oak Partnership works on the east slopes of the Cascades where biodiversity and climate resilience are threatened by fire suppression, grazing, and development. Over 25 tribal, public, and private entities are partnering to implement ECOP’s Strategic Plan, restoring fire-adapted conditions, protecting biodiversity, and maintaining climate resilience in this Oregon white oak landscape, an OWEB FIP priority.

We will: protect 15,000 acres of priority habitat from conversion; reverse the effects of fire suppression on 17,000 acres through restoration; refine spatial priorities at the site scale; strategically deploy outreach tools to engage landowners; connect people with management guidance and technical support; lower barriers to the use of prescribed fire; expand access to a variety of native plant materials; implement monitoring work that measures project effectiveness and long term ecological outcomes; adapt our monitoring tools to better reflect tribal values for use on reservation; and continue to facilitate partnership meetings and business through 2027.

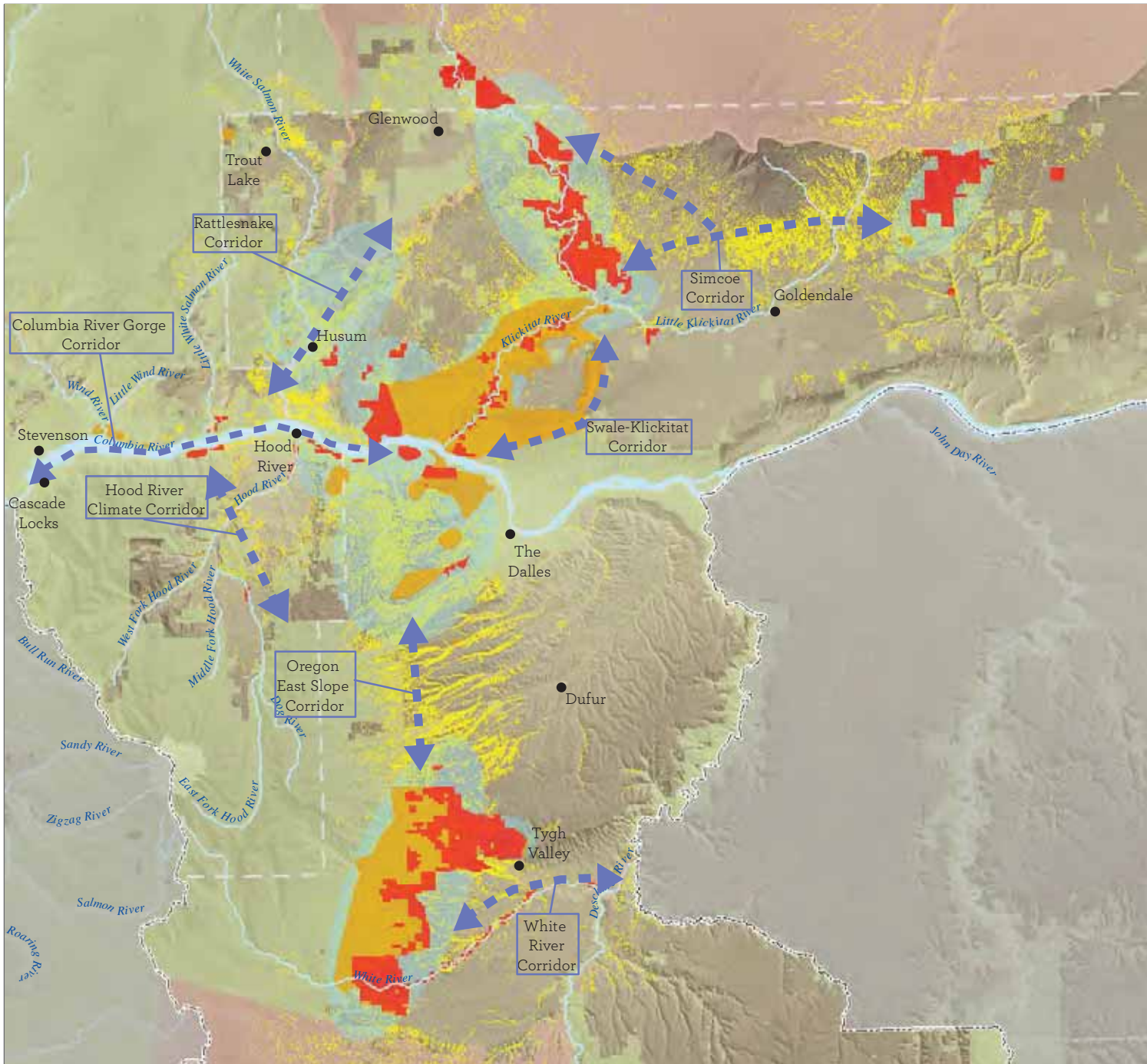
Our partnership works in two states. Oregon partners include: ODF, ODFW, USFS – Mt. Hood National Forest, USFS – Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, NRCS, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, Oregon Parks and Recreation, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust, Pacific Birds, Columbia Land Trust

6. Budget Overview:

Funding Period	OWEB Funding Request	Estimated Match
Biennium 1	\$2,544,000	\$4,250,000
Biennium 2	\$2,433,000	\$9,084,000
Biennium 3	\$2,177,000	\$548,000
Total	\$7,154,000	\$13,844,000

Partnership Focus Area - Conservation Priority Map

East Cascades Oak Partnership Planning Maps



- Partnership Focus Area
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Anchor Habitats
- Opportunity Conservation Areas
- Habitat Corridors
- Oak Extent
- Public Ownership
- Tribal Ownership
- Yakama Jurisdictional Boundary



Data: USGS, USFS, ESRI, TIGER, Klickitat C., Yakima C., Skamania C., Hood River C., Wasco C.

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1. **Name of Initiative:** Habitat Restoration for Oregon Coast Coho Recovery in the Siuslaw River and Coastal Lakes Basins
2. **Name of Partnership:** Siuslaw Coho Partnership
3. **Application Number:** 223-8222-20126
4. **Initiative addresses the following Board-identified Priority(ies):** Coho Habitat and Populations along the Oregon Coast

5. Initiative Abstract (from the application)

This initiative builds off of more than two decades of collaboration among our partner members including: Siuslaw Watershed Council, Bureau of Land Management, Siuslaw National Forest, Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the McKenzie River Trust.

With implementation funding, the Siuslaw Coho Partnership (SCP) will (1) implement projects outlined in our initiative which will promote the conservation and recovery of Oregon Coast coho through voluntary habitat protection and restoration efforts; (2) build the capacity of the partnership; (3) provide technical assistance for project development; (4) allow us to engage with stakeholders for watershed restoration initiatives and (5) allow the SCP to monitor the effectiveness of our efforts.

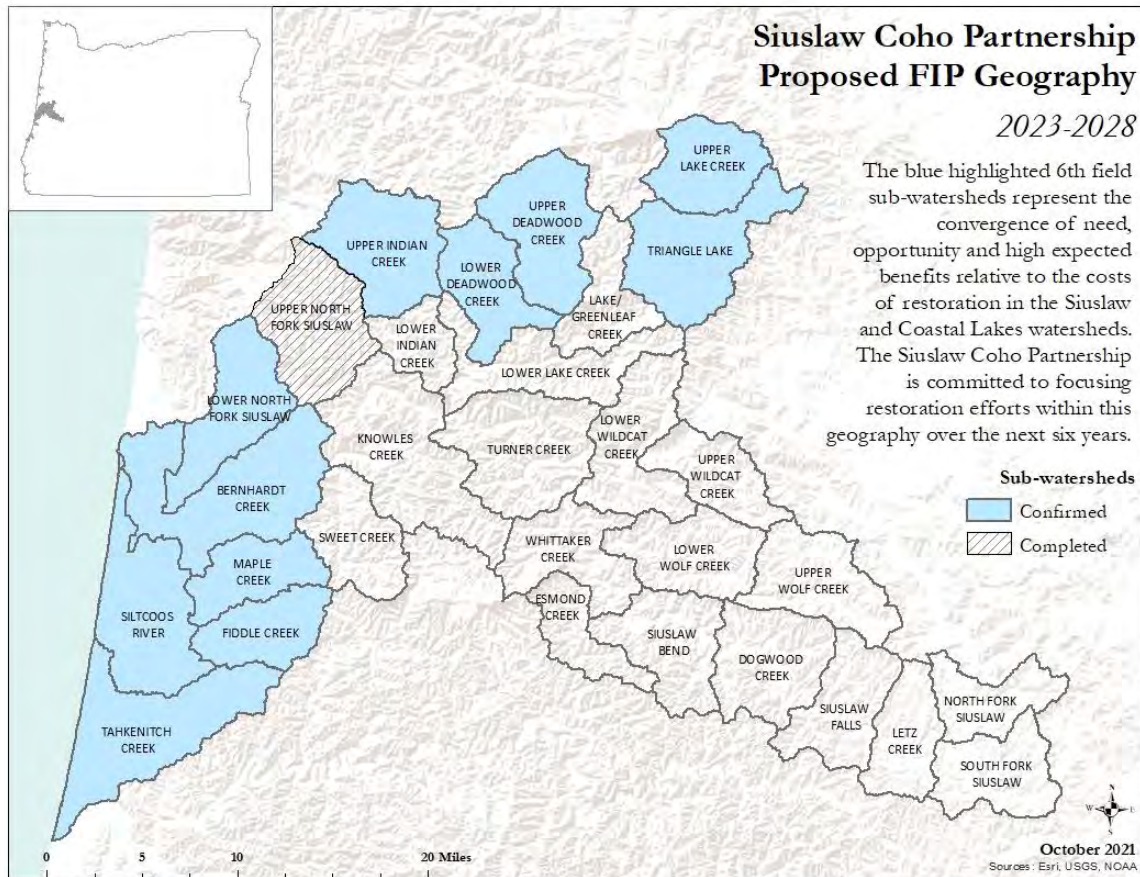
Our ecological outcomes include (1) an increase in the quantity and quality of summer and winter rearing habitats in the initiative geography sufficient to anchor population resilience and (2) a connected assemblage of diverse habitats sufficient to foster a broad expression of life-history strategies in the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes Oregon Coast coho populations, an OWEB board-approved priority.

6. Budget Overview:

Funding Period	OWEB Funding Request	Estimated Match
Biennium 1	\$4,000,000	\$6,771,080
Biennium 2	\$4,000,000	\$3,023,923
Biennium 3	\$4,000,000	\$2,768,002
Total	\$12,000,000	\$12,563,005

Color Maps of Siuslaw Coho Partnership Proposed FIP Geography, 2023-2028

The following section includes color maps of the proposed FIP geography for the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes basins. The first map depicts an overview of the 11 priority sub-watersheds for the next six years (2023-2028), and the following maps depict proposed conservation actions in the sub-watersheds. The sub-watersheds include: Maple Creek, Fiddle Creek, Siltcoos Lake, Tahkenitch Lake, Lower North Fork Siuslaw River, Bernhardt Creek, Lower Deadwood Creek, Upper Deadwood Creek, Upper Indian Creek, Triangle Lake, Upper Lake Creek.



1. **Name of Initiative:** Restoring Resilience in Two Estuaries
2. **Name of Partnership:** Oregon Central Coast Estuary Collaborative (OCCEC)
3. **Application Number:** 223-8223-20127
4. **Initiative addresses the following Board-identified Priority(ies):** Coastal Estuaries in Oregon

5. Initiative Abstract (from the application)

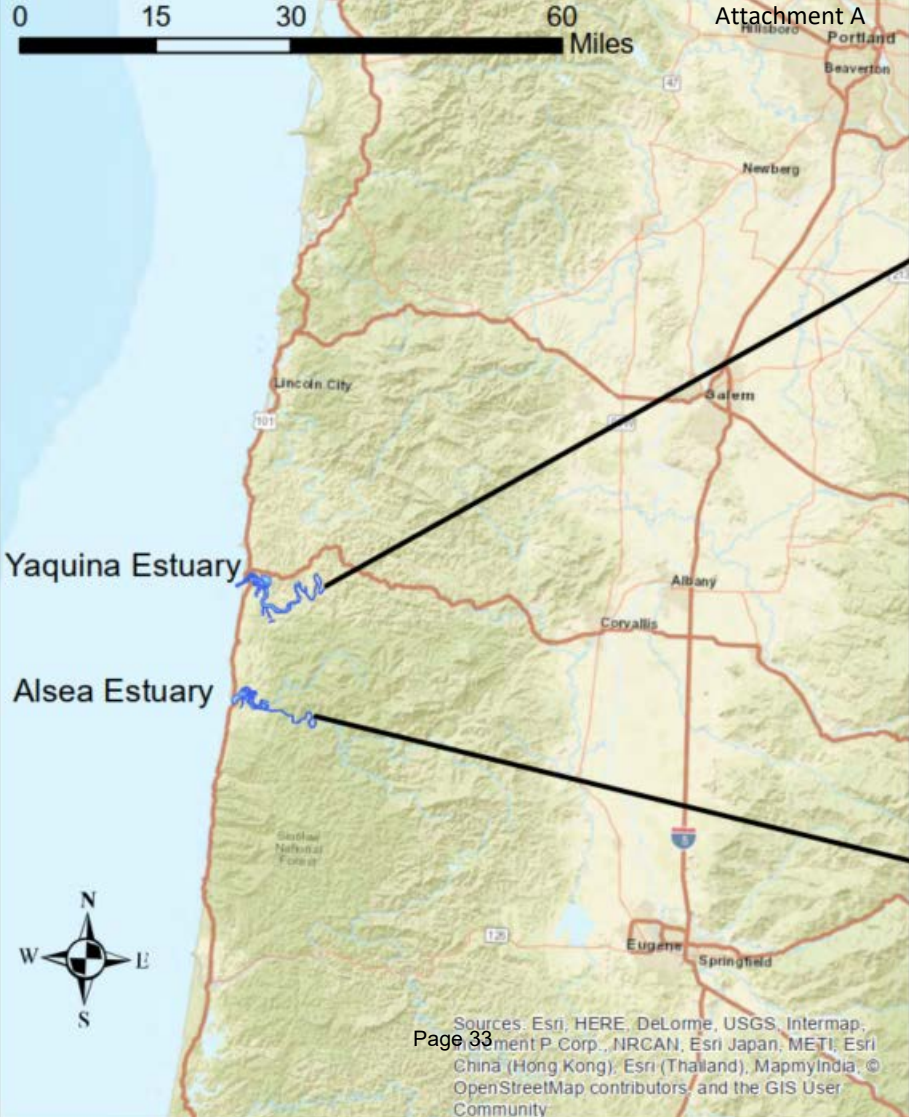
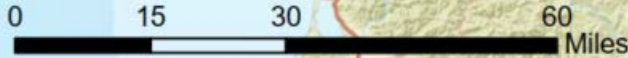
Coastal Estuaries are a FIP priority because they are highly productive, diverse, and provide ecosystem services crucial to people and nature. Connecting forested uplands to the ocean, estuaries play a unique role, influencing landscape function across multiple habitats. Coastal resiliency to sea level rise depends upon conserving our estuaries through protection and restoration of key ecological processes and functions including hydrological connectivity, nutrient cycling and sediment transport.

The Yaquina and Alsea estuaries have lost over 90% of their tidal swamps and significant amounts of other types of tidal wetlands. Correcting decades of degradation can be daunting, but a diverse team of Core Partners have committed to working on the priority projects identified. They come from these organizations: MidCoast Watersheds Council, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, The Wetlands Conservancy, McKenzie River Trust, Ducks Unlimited, Fred M. VanEck Forest Foundation, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, ODFW, Lincoln SWCD, USFWS, BLM, and USFS.

FIP funding will help achieve OCCEC’s ecological outcomes in the Alsea and Yaquina estuaries: restoring the percentage of functional tidal wetlands through restoration (900 acres), protecting current tidal swamps and landward migration zones (100+ acres), and protecting with conservation ownerships or easements 400+ acres to allow for future restoration.

6. Budget Overview:

Funding Period	OWEB Funding Request	Estimated Match
Biennium 1	\$1,523,000	\$1,073,000
Biennium 2	\$3,921,700	\$2,106,000
Biennium 3	\$2,390,250	\$1,791,000
Total	\$7,834,950	\$4,970,000



Yaquina Estuary

Alsea Estuary



1. **Name of Initiative:** Coos Basin Coho Strategic Action Plan Implementation
2. **Name of Partnership:** Coos Basin Coho Partnership
3. **Application Number:** 223-8220-20124
4. **Initiative addresses the following Board-identified Priority(ies):** Coho Habitats and Populations along the Oregon Coast

5. Initiative Abstract (from the application)

The Coos Basin Partnership (CBP) team includes: Coos Watershed, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, Coos Soil and Water Conservation District, Curry Soil and Water Conservation District – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Weyerhaeuser, Wild Rivers Land Trust, Wild Salmon Center, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Bureau of Land Management – Coos Bay District, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Restoration Center, Natural Resource Conservation Service, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, United State Fish and Wildlife Service – Coastal Program.

CBP will utilize OWEB funds from 7/2022 - 6/2028 to implement the high priority actions within the Coos Basin Coho Strategic Action Plan. The following primary ecological objectives that this application address will make quantifiable progress towards OWEB’s board priority for Coho Habitat and Populations along the Oregon Coast: increased juvenile coho production, increase in functional juvenile and adult Coho migratory connectivity, improved mainstem water quality, increased mainstem habitat complexity, increased tributary habitat complexity, increase in high quality estuarine habitat (fresh or salt), increase in juvenile coho overwinter survival, and increase in adult coho spawner abundance.

6. Budget Overview:

Funding Period	OWEB Funding Request	Estimated Match
Biennium 1	\$3,469,614	\$2,923,290
Biennium 2	\$3,858,971	\$3,086,336
Biennium 3	\$3,747,408	\$1,886,552
Total	\$11,075,993	\$7,896,178

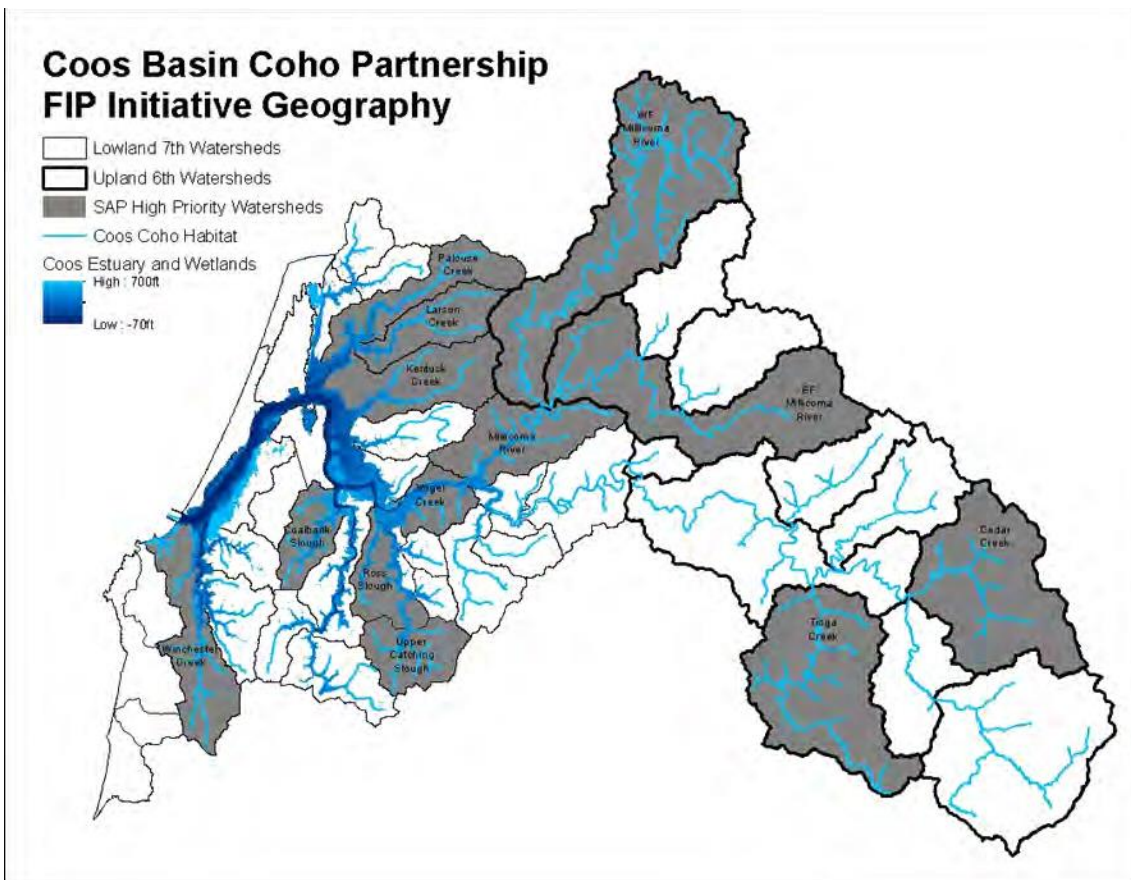


Figure 8.1 Coos Basin Coho Partnership FIP Initiative Geography. Gray 6th field upland and 7th field lowland subbasins indicate High Priority subwatersheds identified in the SAP and selected as the focus areas for the CBP FIP Initiative. White sub-watersheds were identified in the SAP as excluded or lower priority and are not included in the FIP geography.