

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health

2. Organization Name and address:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Primarily Affects the Oregon coast: Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos, and Curry Counties.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Governor Kulongoski is one of the three principals in the West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health (WCGA). His staff, Jessica Hamilton, worked with Oregon state agencies to develop the WCGA Action Plan and will continue to collaborate with them in the plan's implementation. Jessica is a member of the WCGA Executive Committee, which consists of representatives from California and Washington, and three federal agencies: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of the Interior. The Executive Committee oversees working groups that are charged with helping the three West Coast states meet the goals of the WCGA.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

On September 18, 2006, the Governors of Washington, Oregon, and California signed the *West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health*, demonstrating their collective commitment to protecting the health of the West Coast's ocean and coastal ecosystems and the economies that depend on them. The

action plan for the agreement was released in 2008 upon approval by all three governors. Implementation of the action plan will require a successful collaborative effort and sharing of resources between the three states and the federal government. Priorities in the action plan include maintaining healthy coastal communities, protecting marine habitat and estuaries, and increasing marine technology and research.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years? No.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding. N/A.

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account): Commerce, Justice, Science/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The WCGA advances regional ocean governance efforts as called for in the recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. The agreement seeks to advance the goals of: 1) ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches, 2) protecting and restoring ocean and coastal habitats, 3) promoting the effective implementation of ecosystem-based management, 4) reducing adverse impacts of offshore energy development, 5) increasing ocean awareness and literacy among residents, 6) expanding ocean and coastal scientific information, research, and monitoring, and 7) fostering sustainable economic development in our communities. These goals reflect the priorities of a wide range of citizens in Oregon, California, and Washington.

The federal funds would support implementation of on-the-ground actions from the WCGA. The WCGA has working groups which are currently identifying priority projects and actions with a regional focus. These working groups are in the process of developing work plans and budgets. The federal funds would be divided among the three states for implementation of actions in the work plan (ex: prohibiting the spread and proliferation of invasive species along the West Coast. This will require both planning the effort as well as actual removal of non-native species and establishing programs to prevent their further establishment).

Dozens of jobs are likely to be created and supported as a result of implementation of the WCGA. Sample types: a) Research positions, including hiring fishermen to conduct at-sea research, as well as graduate students; b) habitat restoration experts, such as for removal of invasive species; c) coastal jobs supporting green ports and clean marinas; d) ocean education marketing experts; and e) trainers to explain low-impact development to coastal communities.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

The California Congressional Delegation will be approached by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

Unknown. Working groups are in the process of developing budgets.

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$5 million

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

In the past, we have received small grants from federal agencies such as NOAA and the Minerals Management Service for WCGA conferences in 2008. In addition, in-kind support has come and will continue to come from state and local government for WCGA projects. For FY10, we will seek one-time grants from state and federal agencies for WCGA projects. A private foundation supported one of the WCGA conferences, and also committed resources for a .5 FTE for the day-to-day implementation of the WCGA for a three-year period. Additional public-private partnerships with foundations will be pursued in the future. Due to the uncertainty of the cost of the project at this time, specific dollar amounts and percentages cannot be provided.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Unclear; will be based on whether federal agencies incorporate WCGA support into their own budgets in the future.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

TBD. The WCGA has working groups which are currently identifying priority projects and actions with a regional focus. The WCGA Executive Committee will develop a system for distributing the dollars to the working groups to implement specific actions.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

A wide range of stakeholders along the West Coast have submitted formal written comments in support of the WCGA goals and actions. Staff working with the WCGA also have presented to dozens of organizations and at conferences, and received verbal praise for our regional plan. Supporters range from coastal fishermen, to coastal decision-makers, to conservation groups.

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes. The dollars would be distributed for implementation of the WCGA actions on a more limited basis.