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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: Salmon Stronghold Partnership Program

2. Organization Name and address: Wild Salmon Center, 721 NW Ninth Ave, Suite 300 Portland, OR 97209

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email: Laurele Fulkerson, Ph: 971-255-5567, Fax: 503-222-1805; lfulkerson@wildsalmoncenter.org

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

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity: The mission of the Wild Salmon Center is to identify, understand and protect the best wild salmon ecosystems of the Pacific Rim. We partner with governments, local communities, and businesses to create a network of healthy salmon ecosystems across the North Pacific. Our work is based on the best available science and our conservation solutions support sustainable economies, regional cultures, and the great rivers of the Pacific Rim. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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

The Salmon Stronghold Partnership Program will complement critical salmon recovery efforts by providing federal support and resources for public-private, incentive based efforts to protect and restore the healthiest remaining wild Pacific salmon ecosystems in North America—"salmon strongholds". Making proactive, strategic investments in salmon strongholds is vital to ensuring the long term viability of wild salmon populations for future generations.

This program will complement and add to existing salmon funding appropriated under the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (PCSRF). The majority of PCSRF funding in OR, WA, ID, and CA is allocated to projects that further protection and restoration of federally-listed salmon and steelhead species under the Endangered Species Act. Recovery funding is vital, but must be complemented by strategic investments in salmon strongholds to secure genetically diverse source populations that could help re-populate or provide other

ecological benefits to adjoining areas. These investments are critical to ensure that healthy rivers continue to support wild salmon abundance, productivity, and diversity into the future.

There are two types of projects that will be funded through this program: 1) watershed-level activities that implement high value conservation actions to address limiting factors within salmon stronghold basins and ensure that habitat remains intact for adaptation (e.g. voluntary habitat restoration and protection projects); and 2) complex, multi-basin initiatives that address inefficiencies within government programs or the marketplace, which community stakeholders are unequipped to address at the local level (e.g. development of innovative financial mechanisms to provide stewardship incentives, like payments for ecosystem services; amendment of inefficient federal policies that hinder conservation). Projects will be selected based on their ability to meet criteria identified in Sec. 6(c)(2) of the Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act (S.3608).

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.

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):

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation budget

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 primary purposes of the Salmon Stronghold Partnership Program are to: 1) expand Federal support and resources for the protection and restoration of the healthiest remaining salmon strongholds in North America to sustain core centers of salmon abundance, productivity, and diversity; and 2) maintain and enhance economic co-benefits associated with healthy salmon stronghold habitats, including flood protection, recreation, water quantity and quality, carbon sequestration, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and other ecosystem services.

This program will maintain green jobs and infrastructure in Oregon by protecting healthy wild salmon ecosystems, sustaining thousands of livelihoods through commercial and recreational fishing, tourism, and watershed restoration. It will also provide indirect economic benefits to communities by protecting healthy wild salmon ecosystems as a source of clean drinking water, carbon sequestration, and flood mitigation.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Yes. We are requesting funding for this program from the following members of Congress: Wu, Blumenauer, Walden, Schrader, Inslee, Larsen, Baird, Hastings, Dicks, Thompson, Simpson, and Minnick.

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): Estimated \$20 million annually

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$10,000,000

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

Grants will be leveraged with significant state and private funding. The North American Salmon Stronghold Partnership is currently being supported by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and Jubitz Family Foundation.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Yes

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

75% - grants for high value conservation/restoration actions in stronghold basins; 15% - partnership funding to participate in Stronghold Partnership planning, communications and local outreach; 7% - research and establishing knowledge network; 3% - administration

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

State and local governments: Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; California Dept. of Fish & Game; Illinois Valley Soil & Water Conservation District; Chelan County Dept. of Natural Resources; South Coast Watersheds; City of Port Orford

Non-profits and fishing organizations: Trout Unlimited; Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations; National Fish & Wildlife Foundation; Sierra Club; American Whitewater; Ecotrust; Pacific Rivers Council; Oregon WaterWatch; Oregon Wild; Oregon Natural Desert Association; Oregon Trout; California Trout; Smith River Alliance; Cape Blanco Challenge; Elk River Land Trust

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

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