

**FY 2010 - OREGON FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST**  
**Senator Ron Wyden and Senator Jeff Merkley**

<b>Name of Project:</b> Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Act of 2000 (FRIMA)	
<b>Location: County(s):</b> Statewide	<b>City:</b> n/a
<b>Requesting Organization:</b> Oregon Water Resources Congress (OWRC)	
<b>Project Description:</b> FRIMA is a voluntary, cost-shared program to plan, design, and construct fish screens, fish passage devices and related features to mitigate impacts to fisheries associated with irrigation diversions in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and portions of western Montana which drain into the Pacific Ocean, the Columbia River's drainage.	
<b>How will the funds be spent? Please provide a detailed description of how the funds will be used and indicate whether funds will go toward <u>construction</u>, <u>planning</u>, or <u>programming</u>.</b> The funds will be used to support planning, design, and construction of fish passage projects in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and western Montana. The purpose of FRIMA, as established by Congress, is to decrease fish mortality associated with the withdrawal of water for irrigation and other purposes without impairing the continued withdrawal of water for those purposes, and to decrease the incidence of juvenile and adult fish entering water supply systems. This program is cost-effective, produces substantive results, and receives compliments and support from a wide range of constituents, including local governments, environmental organizations, and the agricultural community.	
<b>Bill or Report Language Requested (if applicable, please provide language requested and indicate whether you are seeking bill or report language):</b> None.	
<b>Anticipated Appropriations Bill and Account:</b> Department of Interior Appropriations Bill; US Fish and Wildlife Service's Construction Account.	
<b>Federal Dollars Requested in FY10 from the account list above:</b> \$25 million	
<b>Is this a multi-year project? No/Yes?</b> No.	
<b>Will you be requesting funding in future years?</b> Yes.	
<b>Are you seeking FY10 funds through other federal accounts? If yes, please specify account(s).</b> No.	
<b>Previous Federal Appropriations (Please indicate which appropriations bill(s) and year(s) received):</b> \$1 million in FY 2007, \$1,970,575 in FY 2006, \$1,972,215 in FY 2005, \$1,987,000 in FY 2003, and \$4 million in FY 2002 were appropriated to the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Construction account for this project.	
<b>Have you pursued federal grant funding? If yes, which Department and program?</b> n/a	
<b>Non-federal Contribution (Please identify funding amount and who is contributing):</b> Each project that is funded with FRIMA funds has its own budget and different non-federal funding support. While FRIMA only requires a non-federal cost share of 35%, the local cost share for the FRIMA program has averaged 55%, with support coming from the sponsoring entities own resources, from state funds and from other non-federal funds. Collectively, because of strong financial cost-sharing by local entities, during the first years of the program (2002-2004) FRIMA partners carried out fish passage projects totaling \$19.7 million, more than double the FRIMA appropriation. Oregon's project costs were \$7,650,198, with local partners providing \$5,206,780 in matching funds. Stated another way, local partners incur more than half of the costs of projects.	
<b>Total Cost of Project:</b> Unknown. From a quick survey of OWRC district members in February 2009, 8 districts responded with projects totaling over \$11 million dollars. These projects vary from a single screened diversion to multiple screens and complex passages. Some do not know how much the project will cost because they need funding to pay for feasibility studies or engineering design. If funding for FRIMA is fully appropriated more districts will come forward with fish screen and fish passage projects. The FRIMA legislation requires the project dollars be divided equally among the four states. Congress authorized up to \$25 million per year for the FRIMA program, or \$6.25 million	

per State per year. During the first three years of the program, the FRIMA appropriations averaged \$3 million. After deductions for federal administrative costs and Congressional rescissions, the remaining balance is divided equally among the four states.

**Amount for this project in President's FY10 Budget Request:** none

**Authorizing Statute (if authorized):** As authorized by P.L. 106-502 and reauthorized by S. 22 in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.

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**Other Organizations/Community Leaders who have expressed support of this project (please provide letters as PDF attachments or via United States Postal Service):** n/a

**How many jobs will be created by this project? What type of jobs?** The number of jobs created depends on the amount of funding appropriated to FRIMA and varies based on the individual project. These projects will create jobs in Oregon in the labor, engineering, and product supplier industries involved in the design and installation of fish screens and fish passage devices. Additionally, fish friendly water diversions help support sustainable agriculture and sustainable fisheries that have widespread economic and social benefits.

**Does your company or organization have any plans to move or close your facilities, reduce operations, or reduce employment in Oregon?** n/a

**Is your company or organization currently engaged in, or does it plan to become engaged in, any merger or acquisition talks with an outside company or organization?** n/a