

## **Natural Resources Subcommittee Agency Presentation Questions**

- 1) **If your agency has a fund shift or fee increase please describe the effects of not having the fund shift or revenue increase approved. Will you reduce services, reduce other costs, or some combination of the two?**

NA

- 2) **If your agency does some work in an area where another agency does similar or related work (focusing on permitting and regulatory activities), detail what work other agencies do that is similar or related.**
  - **DSL and DOGAMI** both have regulatory oversight of mining in Oregon; however, the two agencies do not have overlapping jurisdictions. DSL regulates gravel extraction in waters of the state below the line of ordinary high water and DOGAMI regulates extraction in uplands (above the line of ordinary high water). The two agencies coordinate closely on a site-by-site basis to determine the primary permitting agency, and staff from both agencies review permit applications during the application process.
  - **DSL and DEQ** have some regulatory overlap: both are charged with protecting the beneficial uses of state waters. While DSL regulates removal and fill below the line of ordinary high water (state law), DEQ implements the federal 401 water quality certification program which protects water quality standards. DEQ has other delegated authority from federal agencies to ensure water quality. Many projects involve both DSL removal-fill permits and DEQ water-quality permits, so the agencies work cooperatively on timely review and aligning permit conditions.
  - **DSL and OPRD** work together closely on activities involving Oregon's ocean shore. OPRD has statutory authority for managing the ocean shore – defined as the land lying between extreme low tide of the Pacific Ocean and the statutory vegetation line or the line of established upland shore vegetation, whichever is farther inland. The ocean shore does not include estuaries, which DSL regulates for all removal-fill activities. OPRD also provides key services to support the removal-fill and other DSL programs: administration of the State Scenic Waterways Act and oversight of the state's cultural and archaeological resources overseen by the State Historic Preservation Office.
  - **DSL and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** both regulate removal and fill in waters of the state; however, the state (DSL) program is more comprehensive than the federal regulatory program, and offers more public outreach and assistance. Some examples include: state regulation of isolated wetlands; state regulation of gravel extraction; state facilitation of local wetland inventories with local governments; state emphasis on permit compliance. Areas of close cooperation include: developing

expedited permits; mitigation bank approval and oversight; cooperating on research and technical assessments.

- **DSL** staff took the lead in developing, with the Department of Administrative Services and **18 other state agencies**, the Statewide Lands Inventory System, which will identify by spring 2011 all property owned by the different State of Oregon land-owning agencies. DAS originally estimated this would cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to hire a consultant to produce the inventory and make it fully accessible to the public. DSL managed the work for \$25,000 which was spread among the participating agencies based on land ownership.

**3) How has your agency saved money this biennium (not counting allotment reductions), either by leveraging private partnerships, working with other agencies, eliminating or streamlining programs, or other efficiencies?**

As noted in the Agency Reduction Options section, DSL has implemented a variety of cost-saving measures, including the following examples:

- **Streamlined removal-fill permits** for activities with minimal adverse impacts (voluntary habitat restoration, ongoing transportation maintenance) and **developed three joint permits** with the U.S. Corps of Engineers
- Developed online **Removal-Fill Guide**
- Developed **Web-based e-permitting**
- **Consolidated OWEB and DSL networks**
- Led the **Statewide Lands Inventory** project
- **Developing online claims** for unclaimed property claimants
- Implemented **electronic imaging system** (Laserfiche)

**4) If an allotment reduction was made in your agency, how was workload impacted? How was the reduction managed? Did you use one-time solutions to allotment reductions or did you plan for them to be continued in the 2011-13 budget?**

An allotment reduction was taken for funds dedicated to compiling detailed information on 75 state-owned submerged and submersible land parcels in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. This information is essential for the Department of Justice to protect the state's interests in the allocation and natural resource damage processes associated with the Superfund site. The contract work is behind the original schedule, resulting in costs that are less than what was anticipated for this biennium. As a result, the allotment reduction for the general funds associated with this work has not had an impact on agency workload to date.

- 5) **Are your employees part of a collective bargaining unit? If so, what bargaining unit? To what extent is your management team included in or in the contract negotiation process?**

Department of State Lands employees are represented by American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2238. The DSL HR manager is sitting at the AFSCME Central Table for the 2011-2013 bargaining session. The HR manager and the assistant directors for land management and wetlands and waterways are representing management at the local table.

**Natural Resources Subcommittee Supplemental Presentation Materials**

- 1) The Department of State Lands currently has only seasonal positions vacant.

<u>Position class and number</u>	<u>Months Vacant</u>	<u>Vacancy Reason</u>
NRS1 - C8501/8501071	2	6 month seasonal work May to October
NRS1 - C8501/8501072	4	6 month seasonal work May to October

- 2) The Department of State Lands hired three temporary, returning PERS retirees during the 2009-2011 biennium:

Steve Purchase – hired back during recruitment process and to assist with work transition. Temporary position start date 12/1/2009 – end date 6/2/2010. Position permanently filled; do not plan on hiring in 2011-2013.

John Lilly – hired back during recruitment process and to assist with work transition. Temporary position start date 7/1/2009 – end date 1/31/2010. Position permanently filled; do not plan on hiring in 2011-2013.

Jeanne Devine – hired back during recruitment process and to assist with work transition. Temporary position start date 1/12/2010 – end date 5/14/2010. Position permanently filled; do not plan on hiring in 2011-2013.

- 3) Supplemental information on management to line staff ratios for each prioritized program.

**Common School Fund**

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Number of supervisory positions</b>	<b>Supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Non-supervisory positions</b>	<b>Non-supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Supervisory to staff ratio</b>
Manages land holdings to produce revenue for the Common School Fund. Earnings provide	4 positions	4.00 FTE	21 positions	20.00 FTE	1 to 5

distribution twice annually to Oregon's K-12 Public Schools. In accordance with AG Opinions in 1991, 2002, and 2003 all expenses of managing land are constitutional.					
Oversees the estates of people who die without a will and without known heirs. After due diligence is performed, property may escheat to the Common School Fund for the benefit of Oregon K-12 Schools.		0.30 FTE	3 positions	3.00 FTE	1 to 10
Collects and holds in trust abandoned funds, such as bank accounts, lost securities and uncashed checks. Holders submit funds to DSL after efforts to find the owner fails. The agency seeks to reunite the funds with the proper owner. Interest off of the holdings become part of the school distribution according to established policy.	1 position	1.34 FTE	11 positions	11.00 FTE	1 to 8.20
Oversees the extraction of material from Oregon streams, lakes, estuaries and wetlands.	4 positions	3.535 FTE	17 positions	17.00 FTE	1 to 4.81

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Protects Oregon wetlands from uncontrolled alteration. Provides assistance with property owners, developers and government agencies in complying with Oregon's wetlands laws. Aids in expediting land development processes.	1 position	1.33 FTE	7 positions	6.42 FTE	1 to 4.79
Administrative Services for all agency programs, including the Director's Office, Human Resources, Public Information, Fiscal & Audit, and Information Technology.	5 positions	4.37 FTE	16 positions	16.00 FTE	1 to 3.66

### **South Slough Reserve**

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Number of supervisory positions</b>	<b>Supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Non-supervisory positions</b>	<b>Non-supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Supervisory to staff ratio</b>
SSNERR provides educational, recreational and research opportunities for coastal wetlands and other ocean issues/resources.	2 positions	2.00 FTE	16 positions	14.34 FTE	1 to 7.17

## Removal Fill Revolving Fund

<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Number of supervisory positions</b>	<b>Supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Non-supervisory positions</b>	<b>Non-supervisory FTE</b>	<b>Supervisory to staff ratio</b>
Provides an avenue for economic development projects to proceed and comply with the mitigation requirements while conserving the functions of wetlands.		.125 FTE	1 position	1.00 FTE	1 to 8