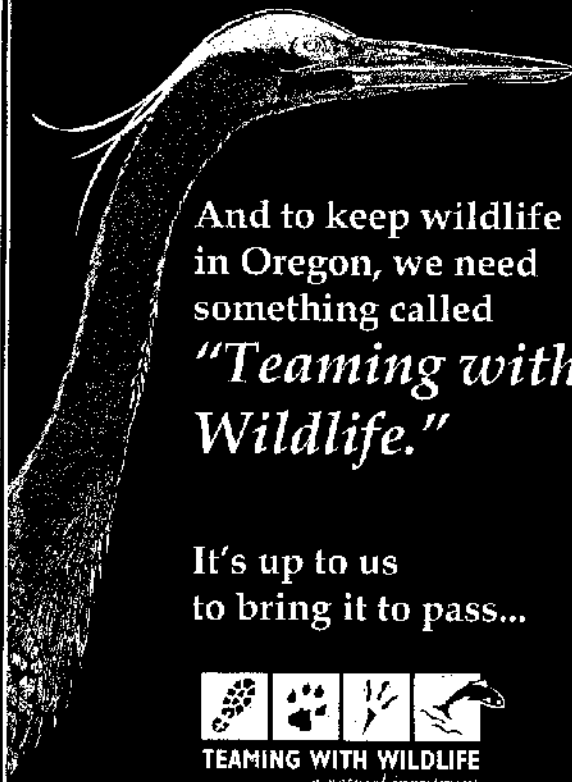


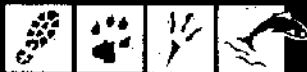
*"Wilderness
without wildlife
is mere scenery."*

Louis Crisler



And to keep wildlife
in Oregon, we need
something called
*"Teaming with
Wildlife."*

It's up to us
to bring it to pass...



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a natural investment.

What is the Oregon Wildlife Diversity Program?

Oregon supports a greater diversity of wildlife than most other states. All in all, nearly 800 vertebrate species live within our state's many habitat types, including: 102 freshwater fishes • 30 amphibians • 35 reptiles • 463 birds • 162 mammals.

For over 100 years, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has been responsible for management of sport fish and game species. And for almost 25 years, ODFW has also been charged with the well-being of the other 88% of fish and wildlife species that aren't hunted, trapped, or angled. In Oregon, we have over 700 species in this category.

The ODFW Wildlife Diversity Program focuses on protection and management of these "nongame" species, including those that are threatened or endangered.

Some of these — like the Oregon slender salamander, the Oregon chub, and the Camas pocket gopher — are found nowhere else in the world. They are true Oregonians!

By law, ODFW must not only protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife, it must prevent the loss of native species AND provide optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations. Wildlife is a part of our heritage that we should pass on to future generations to enjoy as we have.

The majority of the funds that support ODFW are generated from hunting and angling sources, and there are restrictions on how the money may be spent. We currently do not allocate these funds to nongame programs. At this time, less than 2% of the department's funds go towards support of the Wildlife Diversity Program. It is time to find a better way to ensure comprehensive management of our diverse fish and wildlife heritage.



Did you know that more than half of all songbirds that migrate to the tropics are declining? These are the birds we take for granted and expect each spring to come back to our birdfeeders. Did you know that many fish, reptile, and amphibian populations are absent from an alarming number of sites they once occupied? Or that many shorebird populations are declining as the habitats they depend on change?

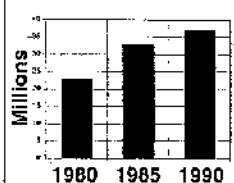


Nationwide, more than 2,000 different types of fish and wildlife species are slipping through the cracks. Their conservation, ironically, is seriously underfunded because species that are not fished for or hunted nor listed as threatened or endangered do not have any specific funding source.

Conservation of the vast numbers of America's fish and wildlife that are not hunted or angled make up the single largest unfunded mandate facing fish and wildlife managers today. A national effort called *Teaming with Wildlife* could change this picture. It may be our best hope for ensuring healthy fish and wildlife and their habitats for the future.

There has been huge growth in the numbers of people taking part in wildlife-related activities that don't include hunting or fishing -- a 63% increase over the past ten years. As the pressure mounts on the outdoors and on wildlife habitat, it is critical that all of us who appreciate fish and wildlife come together to fund management of our natural heritage.

Number of Americans who took trips primarily for the purpose of viewing wildlife.



\$18 billion is spent annually on outdoor recreational equipment

	Retail	Wholesale	TWW Fee
Tent	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$2.50
Field Guide	10.00	6.00	.30
Wild Bird Seed	19.00	9.50	.48
Binoculars	150.00	75.00	3.75

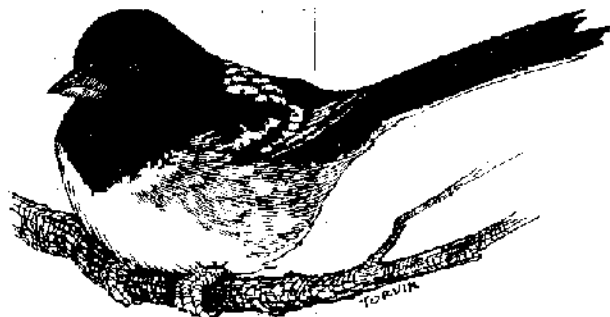
The existence of the surcharge will be identified on each product with a special tag, so consumers will know that a portion of the purchase price will go towards fish and wildlife management.

Teaming with Wildlife would work this way: a modest user fee placed on a variety of outdoor products would raise \$350 million annually nationwide. It is based on a user pays - user benefits concept. A small surcharge would be added to outdoor recreation products like sleeping bags, tents, binoculars, backyard wildlife supplies, and field identification books. This surcharge would never exceed 5% at the manufacturer's level. Funds raised in this way will be earmarked for recreation, education, and conservation projects related to wildlife diversity.

Existing funding sources, almost all generated from hunting and fishing revenue sources, are being stretched to their limits. *Teaming with Wildlife*, a

national effort, will expand the funding pool by letting the 150 million Americans who do not hunt or fish but who currently enjoy wildlife-related outdoor recreation have a means for supporting fish and wildlife management programs. Hunters and anglers made a tremendous contribution to conservation efforts through a similar funding mechanism for the past 50 years.

People and wildlife share common ground: More Americans than ever before take part in wildlife-related recreation. The waters and lands that fish and wildlife depend on are the same high-quality areas that recreationists enjoy. Taking conservation actions on behalf of fish and wildlife will provide countless hours of enjoyment on our waterways and lands.



How Oregon Will Benefit from "Teaming with Wildlife"



Teaming with Wildlife dollars would be distributed to each state using a formula, two-thirds based on population and one-third on geographic area. Under this formula, Oregon could receive as much as \$10 million per year.

With funds generated through this user pays - user benefits program, Oregon could fully implement its Wildlife Diversity Plan, adopted by the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission in November, 1993. This plan sets out priorities for spending Teaming with Wildlife funds.

It is our blueprint for:

- maintaining a diversity of healthy fish and wildlife populations and habitats;
- preventing species from becoming threatened or endangered;
- recovering species that are in danger of extinction;
- helping landowners solve wildlife problems;
- providing information about fish and wildlife to the public and schools;
- providing recreational opportunities for citizens and visitors who enjoy watching, studying, and photographing wildlife.

Examples of projects eligible under Teaming with Wildlife and the Oregon Wildlife Diversity Plan include efforts to:

- 1 Prevent** sensitive species (such as the western pond turtle, pileated woodpecker, Townsend's big-eared bat, and our state bird--the western meadowlark) from qualifying for threatened and endangered status by developing and implementing conservation plans.
- 2 Enhance** wildlife viewing opportunities by developing interpretive displays, viewing and photo blinds, trails, and signs at state wildlife areas and state and local parks.
- 3 Develop** information brochures, reports, programs and educational videos about Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats.
- 4 Help** landowners improve their property for fish and wildlife and acquire key habitats from willing sellers.
- 5 Conduct** inventories of declining species and habitats critical to their survival.
- 6 Improve** canoeing, rafting, kayaking, hiking and biking opportunities.

Thousands of dollars are spent each year on watching, photographing, and feeding wildlife. Our fish and wildlife diversity is good for Oregon's economy!

For a very small personal investment (less than \$7 per year), outdoor enthusiasts can make a major difference in the future. To be successful, Teaming with Wildlife needs your support for the user pays - user benefits concept.

What you can do to help Teaming with Wildlife

JOIN THE TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE COALITION.

Endorse this important funding initiative by writing a letter of support and sending it to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, or fill out the form on this page and send it to us. Add your group's name to the growing list of supporters who want to invest in conservation through a dedicated fee.

CONTACT COMPANIES!

Use your buying power as a consumer and influence outdoor product companies, so that they will decide to

support *Teaming with Wildlife*. Let them know that you, their customer, support the concept of a dedicated user fee on their products. Ask them to team up with citizens across the state and country in support of this effort.

SEND A MESSAGE to both local and national manufacturers and retailers of outdoor recreation products. When you purchase equipment from the companies that manufacture or sell camping, bird feeding, photo/optical, canoe/kayak, scuba, mountain biking, and

ski equipment, tell the owner/manager or sales clerk you are in favor of this dedicated fee. Add a note to catalogue orders for recreational equipment.

PUBLISH AN ARTICLE in your group's newsletter, or write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper or any conservation/outdoor recreation magazine. Voice your support for *Teaming with Wildlife*. Be sure to emphasize that this proposal embodies the "user pays - user benefits" concept. States, organizations, businesses, and individuals — all stand

to benefit from *Teaming with Wildlife*.

WRITE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES and let them know you support *Teaming with Wildlife*. Ask them to be a sponsor of this important legislation.

Contact your local ODFW office for additional details or call ODFW at 503-872-5260 if you are interested in helping spread the word about *Teaming with Wildlife*.



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On behalf of the _____

I hereby endorse the *Teaming with Wildlife/National Fish and Wildlife Diversity Funding Initiative*. My organization wishes to support this natural investment. Funds will be dedicated to wildlife conservation, recreation, and education projects in every state.

We are pleased to join all those who are a part of *Teaming with Wildlife* and be listed as members of the Oregon and National Coalitions.

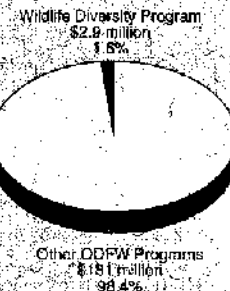
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Address: _____ Office Held: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Please send this form to: *Teaming with Wildlife*, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 59, Portland, Oregon 97207, or fax to 503/872-5269. We will share your endorsement with the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, which is coordinating *Teaming with Wildlife* on a national basis.

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Today, 80% of Oregon's fish and wildlife species are being managed on a shoestring budget. There must be a better way.