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RE: 8344 Southeast Cottrell Road-T2-2025-0067

Director Gibb,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) supports the Cottrell Pond Site Restoration Project (Cottrell Pond project). The Cottrell Pond project will restore fish passage and decrease downstream temperatures in Johnson Creek. This urban project will transform the degraded headwaters of Johnson Creek into a resilient segment that supports native fish habitat, improves water quality, and helps a small breeding population of red-legged frogs. The goals and actions described are consistent with ODFW's strategic plan and the Lower Columbia River Conservation and Recovery Plan for Oregon Populations of Salmon and Steelhead, ODFW & NMFS, 2010.

ODFW has partnered with the City of Portland's Water Bureau (City) on instream restoration projects in the watershed since the mid-1990s. We have confidence that the City can implement the pond restoration successfully.

Sincerely,

Ben Walczak
District Fisheries Biologist
North Willamette Fish District.