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MEETING DATE: August 2009 **ITEM NUMBER:** 13

TITLE: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Proposal

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Proposed Action: Briefing

Summary

At its May 2009 meeting, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (board) indicated interest in continuing to support a small grant program with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), called the Community Salmon Fund program.

NFWF initially was selected through a competitive process that began in November 2004 when the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) announced a request for proposals. Three proposals were submitted and evaluated. In January 2005, the board selected the proposal from NFWF to develop and administer a small grant program that is statewide in geographic scope.

Since that time, the RCO has entered into three contracts with NFWF, as shown in the table below. State funds were used for all of the contracts, and NFWF provided a 100% match.

Date Funded	SRFB Amount	Total Expended *(as of 7/28/09)*	Status
Dec. 2007	$1,500,000	$0	NFWF completed their grant round, and obligated all but $93,578. The RCO anticipates that the funds will be expended over the next 18 to 24 months.
Sept. 2006	$1,500,000	$975,000	The amount expended is on track for completion in March 2010.
Jan. 2005	$987,171	$987,171	Closed Complete

At the August meeting, NFWF will propose two options for maintaining the fundamental characteristics of the Community Salmon Fund program. These options are slightly modified from the current approach to reflect the reduced state funding available. Their proposal is attached.

NFWF hopes to enter into an agreement to continue the Community Salmon Fund program beginning in 2010. They will ask the board for a final decision on their proposal at the October meeting. If the board approves a continuation of the program in October, the RCO will develop a new contract.

Attachments

A. Proposal from NFWF