

## 2014 National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Project Summaries for Oregon

### South Slough Shorelands Project



The Oregon Department of State Lands, partnering with Coos Watershed Association and the South Coast Land Conservancy, is awarded a \$1 million grant to permanently protect 596 acres of estuarine wetland habitats in South Slough in Oregon's Coos Estuary. South Slough is the site of a longstanding effort to conserve estuarine wetland habitat. The project site is adjacent to South Slough National Estuary Research Reserve and state protected lands. The project site contains tidally influenced coastal wetlands, adjoining coastal fresh water wetlands, and forested uplands. This project supports goals of multiple management plans and will benefit numerous wildlife and plant species, including shorebirds, harbor seals, shellfish, and federally listed coho salmon and western bog lilies. It also is

identified as a priority in the Oregon Strategic Plans for the Coastal Program and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program and the 1994 Pacific Coast Joint Venture 1994 Implementation Plan for the Southern Oregon Focus Area.

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Non-federal match</i>	<i>Other federal funds</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
Oregon	\$1,000,000	\$711,925		\$1,711,925

### Waite Ranch Tidal Wetlands Restoration Project



The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) is awarded \$592,735 grant to restore tidal wetland function on 207 acres of the Waite Ranch property owned by the McKenzie River Trust in the lower Siuslaw River estuary in Oregon. The grant will complement funding secured from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and OWEB for other phases of restoration and build on previous financial support, including a North American Wetlands Conservation Act grant used to acquire the property. The goals of the project are to remove barriers to tidal exchange, restore tidal flow through channel excavation, and re-establish the ecological processes needed to restore habitat function. Restoration of Waite Ranch will generate high-quality nursery, refuge, feeding, and nesting habitat for numerous wetland-dependent fish and wildlife species, including shorebirds,

waterfowl, steelhead, and federally listed Coho salmon.

<i>State/Territory</i>	<i>Grant</i>	<i>Non-federal match</i>	<i>Other federal funds</i>	<i>Total project cost</i>
Oregon	\$592,735	\$274,500		\$867,235