

News Release



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Interior Secretary Salazar Announces Award of \$9 million in Grants to States for Imperiled Species Conservation

Washington and Hawaii Receive Total of \$1.3 Million

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today the award of nearly \$9 million to 12 state wildlife agencies to help conserve and recover imperiled fish and wildlife species through the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Competitive Program. The federal funding will be matched by more than \$7 million in non-Federal funds provided by states and their partners for projects helping imperiled fish, wildlife and plant species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pacific Region works closely with our state partners to ensure that through strong cooperative conservation they are able to compete for grant opportunities like the SWG Competitive Program. The states of Washington and Hawaii received a combined total of over \$1.3 million for the following projects:

- **Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife: Establishing a Second Maui Parrotbill Population –Logistical and Research Support** – This project will fund the collection of biological information, captive breeding and reintroduction efforts, and the habitat restoration for the Maui Parrotbill – a bird listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. This project will also benefit 10 other imperiled species in the State of Hawaii.
Federal funds awarded: \$500,353; non-federal match: \$406,800
- **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: Multistate Recovery of the Oregon Spotted Frog and the Species Assemblage Associated with Warmwater Marshes** – This project will support and help transform numerous ongoing projects into a cohesive, range-wide recovery program for the Oregon Spotted Frog. The Oregon spotted frog is currently an endangered species in Washington State, a red-listed species in British Columbia, and a species of concern in both Oregon and California. By working across the Oregon spotted frog’s geographic range and engaging private landowners, the project will help optimize efforts to conserve its habitat and increase the resilience of frog populations to human disturbance and other threats.
Federal award: \$841,872; non-federal match: \$754,409

The SWG Competitive Program, part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s [State Wildlife Grants Program](#), awards grants to projects that implement strategies and actions

to conserve imperiled species contained in approved [State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plans](#) or State Wildlife Action Plans. Grants are scored using criteria developed by a team of Service and state wildlife agency directors. Funding for the grants comes from Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009 appropriations for the SWG Competitive Program.

The State Wildlife Action Plans were created through a collaborative effort among state and federal agencies, biologists, conservationists, landowners, sportsmen and the general public. Each plan was then reviewed and approved by a national team that included members from the Fish and Wildlife Service as well as directors from state wildlife agencies.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit www.fws.gov.