

What community-initiated project recipients receiving funding in the FY25 Senate E&W bill are saying about the wins for their communities:

"Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife deeply appreciates the efforts of Senators Merkley and Wyden to secure funding for Cole Rivers hatchery. These funds will allow for much needed upgrades to ensure this facility can continue to support local and regional fisheries that generate social, cultural, and economic benefits to the region," **said Shaun Clements, Deputy Director ODFW.**

"Ochoco Irrigation District is pleased to hear that our renewable energy project is recommended for funding. The purpose of the floating solar project is to provide low-cost, locally produced, renewable energy to irrigators and area residents and to improve water quality. We greatly appreciate the support of Senator's Merkley and Wyden for this important project," **said Bruce Scanlon, Ochoco Irrigation District Manager.**