

Oregon Department of State Lands

The State Land Board oversees the Common School Fund, which sends millions of dollars to Oregon public schools annually – \$72.2 million in 2023. As the Land Board’s administrative agency, the Department of State Lands manages lands to benefit schools, protects waters and wetlands, and oversees South Slough Reserve.



Managing Lands to Benefit Schools

About 700,000 acres of land across all 36 Oregon counties are managed to generate revenue for the Common School Fund. Ranchers and farmers, local governments, Tribes, businesses, and more work with DSL to lease and buy lands, plan for future uses of lands, and keep lands healthy.

\$596 MILLION
CURRENT VALUE OF
PROPERTY ASSETS

\$4.85 MILLION
GROSS PROGRAM
REVENUES IN FY21

Protecting Wetlands and Waterways

From rivers for summertime floating to marshes that protect against flooding, Oregon’s treasured waters and wetlands benefit from thoughtful stewardship. Property owners, ports and marinas, government agencies, and others work with DSL to obtain removal-fill permits for projects in wetlands and waters and authorizations to use Oregon’s public waterways.

5,000
WATERWAY USE
AUTHORIZATIONS IN FY21

615
REMOVAL-FILL
PERMIT DECISIONS IN FY21

Understanding Estuaries

South Slough Reserve is a:

- Living laboratory for scientists.
- Outdoor classroom for people of all ages.
- Destination for paddlers, hikers, and birdwatchers.

Located on the South Slough inlet of the Coos Estuary, the Reserve manages nearly 7,000 acres of open water, wetlands, rivers, and forests as an essential resource for learning and exploration.

100+
COMMUNITY
CLASSES IN FY21

1,839
VOLUNTEER HOURS
CONTRIBUTED IN FY21

\$6.2 MILLION
BOOST TO COOS COUNTY ECONOMY
IN 2021 BY THE RESERVE

Ways to Get Involved

- Attend a [public meeting](#) or give [public comment](#)
- Volunteer at [South Slough Reserve](#)
- Sign up to receive [email updates](#)



Research at South Slough Reserve. Photo by Toni Greaves with Pew Charitable Trusts.