

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND OUTCOMES ANALYSIS, MEASUREMENT, AND REPORTING

Questions and Answers

Q: One line in the RFP states, "The statewide OHF-funded outcome metrics will relate primarily to wildlife benefits and secondarily to areas of economic, ecological, and social benefits." In this context, what are the differences between wildlife benefits and ecological benefits?

A: Because the OHF monies are dedicated for use to protect, restore, and enhance habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, primary benefits are considered those that directly related to the critters that live in and around those habitats. There may be some benefits that can be considered primary in an ecological sense, and we can certainly discuss those and include them in the measures. Ecological benefits will be no less important, but in this exercise the primary focus is upon what the benefits are to fish, game, and wildlife, with secondary emphasis on all other benefits.

To more specifically answer your question, ecological benefits can be very diverse from cleaner water, to less competition for native plants from invasive plants, to improve soil health, etc. these benefits may also lend to benefiting wildlife, but in a more roundabout way.

The importance of this exercise is defining, measuring, and reporting those primary and secondary outcomes as best we can.