

Compensatory Mitigation for Offshore Wind

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NFWF



National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

About Us

Who We Are

- Chartered by Congress in 1984
- Independent 501(c)(3) organization
- 30 member Board appointed by Secretary of the Interior
 - Includes FWS Director and NOAA Administrator

What We Do

- Sustain, restore and enhance wildlife
- Bring collaboration among federal agencies and private sector

How We Do It

- Leverage public funding with corporate, foundation and individual philanthropic donations to maximize the resources available for conservation



Bald eagle

NFWF is

- An implementer – we fund projects

NFWF is not

- An advocacy organization that funds lobbying or litigation



Impact-Directed Environmental Accounts (IDEA)

- Administrator and holder of funds arising from legal and regulatory actions involving natural resources and the environment
- Fidelity to governing legal and/or regulatory documents and requirements
 - IDEA is not involved in bringing enforcement cases or issuing permits
 - IDEA supports the work of federal, state, and local governmental agencies when opportunities arise

Congress authorized NFWF in its Establishment Act “*to receive and administer restitution and community service payments, amounts for mitigation of impacts to natural resources, and other amounts arising from legal, regulatory, or administrative proceedings, subject to the condition that the amounts are received or administered for purposes that further the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants, and other natural resources.*” (16 USC 3703(c)(1)(K))



IDEA's Involvement with Compensatory Mitigation

Mitigation funds administered by IDEA

- Short-term funds for mitigation required by permitting agencies
 - E.g., habitat restoration, breeding sites, predator management, land acquisition, monitoring
- Long-term funds for perpetual management of compensatory mitigation sites, aka “mitigation endowments”
 - Currently serves over 330 mitigation/conservation bank properties, ILF project sites, PRM project sites in 18 states
- Mitigation financial assurance mechanisms
- Sponsor of Sacramento District CA In-Lieu Fee Program
 - USACE, US EPA, NMFS, CA State Water Board, Central Valley Water Board, and Lahontan Water Board



Questions?

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