

Programmatic Funding Practices

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Review of July 2008 Information

■ Definitions

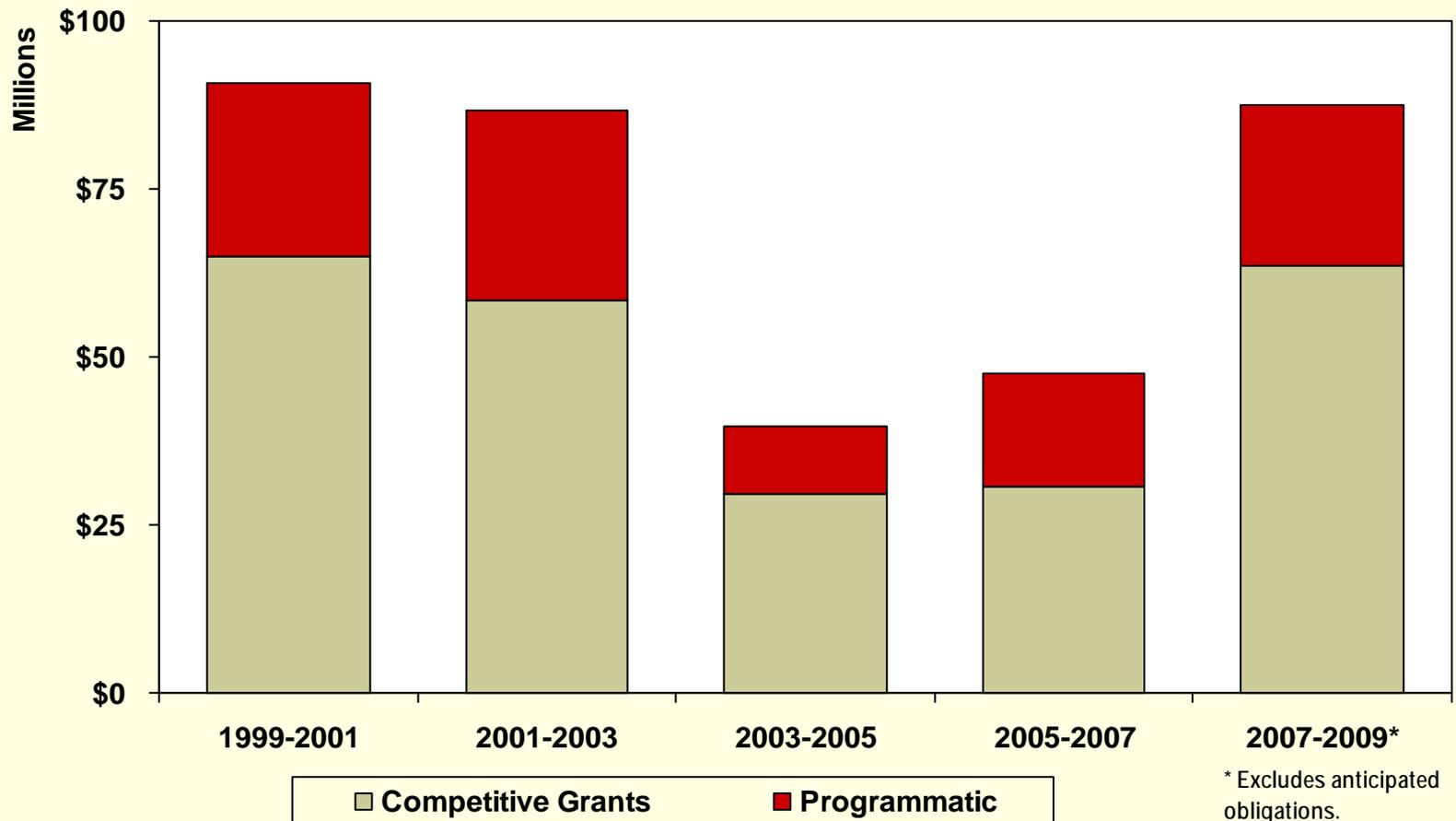
- July: Competitive (via Lead Entity grant process) vs. Programmatic
- Today: Consider by activity type to reflect decisions for the Board about role in full recovery plan implementation

■ How to Consider Obligations

- Competitive vs. Programmatic (July)
- Programmatic: Required vs. Discretionary
- By activity type

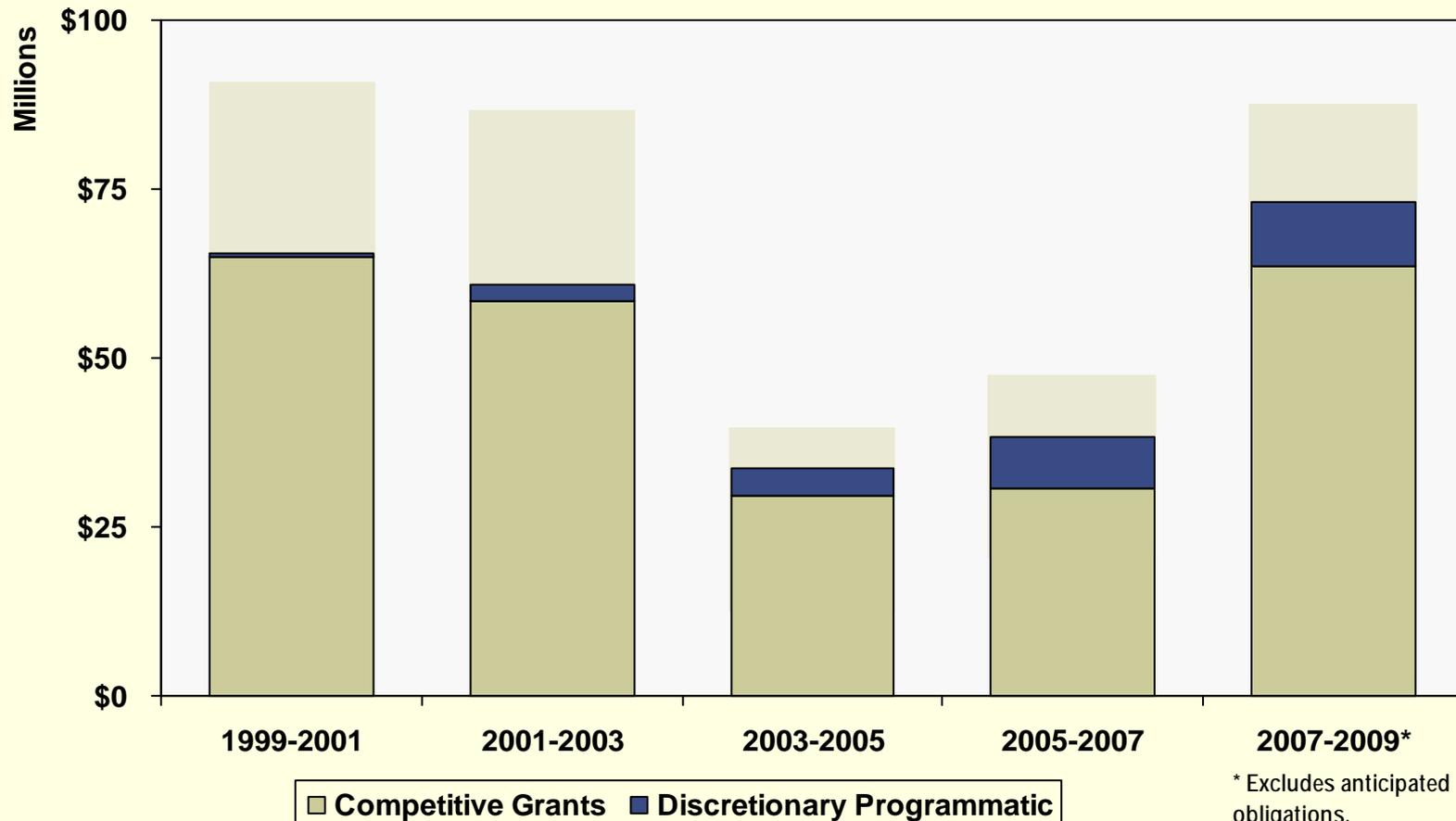
Discretionary vs. Competitive Obligations

- In July, staff presented this graph comparing programmatic and competitive obligations.
- The Board asked for a new graph comparing discretionary programmatic and competitive obligations.



Discretionary vs. Competitive Obligations

- This graph shows discretionary obligations over time, as compared to competitive.
- These discretionary items include some **monitoring activities, infrastructure, and other programs**, based on whether the specific activity was required or discretionary in each biennium.



But What Is “Discretionary”?

Biennium	Activity Type	2005-2007	2007-2009*
Required/Strongly Recommended			
Hatchery/ Harvest Marking & Tagging	Other	\$6,117,384	\$3,540,173
Forest & Fish	Projects	--	\$5,882,548
Regions	Infrastructure	\$3,088,319	\$5,077,572
Discretionary			
Smolt Monitoring	Monitoring	\$455,900	\$208,000
WDOE IMW	Monitoring	\$1,315,026	\$1,466,989
TetraTech Monitoring	Monitoring	\$908,000	\$908,000
Lead Entity Support	Infrastructure	\$3,289,277	\$5,367,458
NFWF Small Grants program	Projects	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

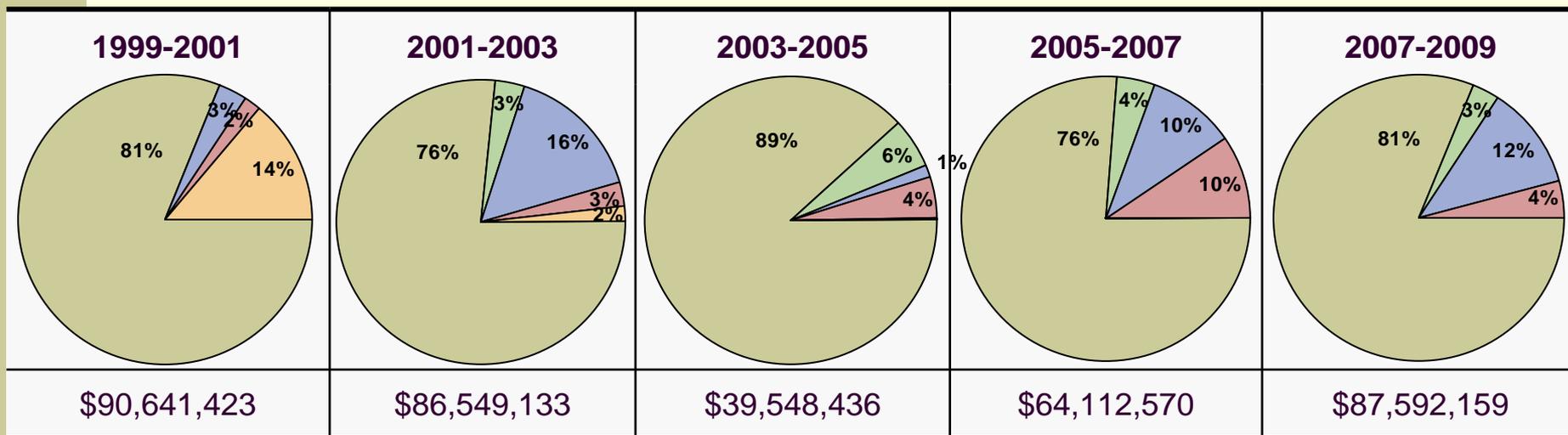
*Excludes anticipated obligations and commitments from 2008 PCSRF

PCSRF requires 10% of funds go to monitoring

Questions Raised by Board for Further Discussion:

- How does the Board consider “strong recommendations” – are they requirements or discretionary?
 - In this chart, the only item considered “strongly recommended” is Regions.
- Is it useful to have only two categories (competitive vs. programmatic), or should the Board consider multiple activity types? ... **As Shown On The Next Slide** →

Obligations and Activity Types



An Alternative View

- These charts look at obligations over time by activity type, rather than as competitive vs. programmatic, or required vs. discretionary.
- “Projects” are funded through the competitive process and through programmatic activities (e.g., NFWF Small Grants program)

What Is a Programmatic?

- **The preceding charts lead us back to the Board's July discussion and question:**
 - What should the Board consider to be a programmatic?

- **If monitoring, projects, and infrastructure are excluded...**
 - the only item remaining in "programmatic" since 2005 is Hatchery/ Harvest Marking & Tagging, which is required by a congressional earmark.
 - Does the Board believe that monitoring projects and infrastructure are within the scope of their core responsibilities?

- **What is the Board's role in full recovery plans?**
 - Is "programmatic" useful to a discussion of what the SRFB should be funding to fulfill its core functions?



Perspectives on Programmatic Funding: Regions

■ Where else might funds be applied?

- Hatchery and harvest reform actions identified as high priority by regional organizations
- Land use actions monitoring
- Emerging project costs such as maintenance of projects.
- Status and trends monitoring
- Monitoring work; specifically monitoring of VSP parameters or similar Bull trout recovery parameters.
- Monitoring VSP criteria and threats identified as high priority by regional organizations
- Monitoring priorities identified in the regional recovery plans and regional salmon recovery organizations.

Assuming funding levels remain the same, which of the programmatic activities should be funded more/ less/ stay the same?

Obligations	More	Same	Less
Lead Entity Support	1	4	0
Regions - Support	1	4	0
WDFW Smolt Monitoring	1	3	1
WDOE Intensively Monitored Watersheds	0	4	0
NFWF Small Grants program	0	4	1
TetraTech Effectiveness Monitoring	0	4	1
Forest & Fish	0	3	1
Hatchery/ Harvest Marking & Tagging	0	2	1

Notes:

- 5 regions responded, although some respondents did not answer all questions
- Where “less” is noted above, the suggestions included moving funds to projects and/or securing funds from another source.

Perspectives on Programmatic Funding: Lead Entities

- **Where else might funds be applied?**
 - Integration of adaptive management for projects and strategies
 - Local monitoring
 - Resource pool of technical expertise to support sponsors

- **Other Comments**
 - Funding all elements of salmon recovery is impossible for the SRFB, limit scope of programmatic activities.
 - Focus on funding critical coordinating infrastructure
 - Refocus monitoring on local, not statewide activities
 - More funds are needed overall

