

# House Bill 3440

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates Task Force on Near Shore Research. Directs task force to study best way to utilize and conserve Oregon's territorial sea.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to near shore research; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Near Shore Research. The Governor**  
5 **shall appoint members who represent conservationists, angling associations, educators and**  
6 **other groups identified by the Governor.**

7 **(2) The task force shall study ways of preserving the natural resources found in Oregon's**  
8 **territorial sea and conduct research regarding the territorial sea. The task force shall make**  
9 **recommendations for establishing a Near Shore Research Institute.**

10 **(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
11 **of business.**

12 **(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
13 **of the task force.**

14 **(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

15 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-**  
16 **come immediately effective.**

17 **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
18 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

19 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

20 **(9) The task force shall submit a report, and shall include recommendations for legis-**  
21 **lation, to the interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources on or**  
22 **before October 1, 2008.**

23 **(10) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall provide staff to support the task force.**

24 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**  
25 **for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by them in the performance of their offi-**  
26 **cial duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall**  
27 **be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.**

28 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
29 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**  
30 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

2 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  
3 **regular biennial legislative session.**

4 **SECTION 3. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
5 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**  
6 **July 1, 2007.**

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