

## STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**


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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference

**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 2

**Yeas:** Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Wingard, Clem

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** Schaufler, VanOrman

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/23, 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct feasibility study regarding development of zone to improve fish habitat between Upper Bennett Dam and confluence of Gardner Ditch with main stem of North Santiam River, and between Lower Bennett Dam and confluence of Gardner Ditch with main stem of the North Santiam River. Sunsets January 2, 2012.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for study
- Potential for “threatened and endangered” designation

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Describes with greater detail the areas to be studied.

**BACKGROUND:** The North Santiam River is an important water source. If a fish population were designated as threatened and endangered, such designation could impose limits on use. House Bill 2505A was motivated by the potential for same and the need to understand the effect of aggregate removal on fish habitats in particular.