

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 3 - 1 - 1

Yeas: Burdick, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Ferrioli

Exc.: Atkinson

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Meeting Dates: 6/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs certain state agencies to implement specified recommendations of Ocean Policy Advisory Council relating to marine reserves. Directs Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to develop work plan for implementing recommendations. Specifies content of work plan. Directs ODFW to report to appropriate of interim legislative committee no later than November 30, 2010. Directs Department of State Lands (DSL) to transfer moneys to ODFW beginning July 1, 2009 to implement recommendations. Declares emergency; effective July 1, 2009.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of marine reserves and efforts to designate areas
- Purpose of marine reserves
- Balance of all stakeholder interests
- Stewardship and collaboration in process
- Economic and fiscal impact of marine reserves

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) is a legislatively-mandated marine policy advisory body to the Governor of Oregon. It was tasked with undertaking a lengthy, in-depth public process to recommend marine reserves that are ecologically and scientifically meaningful and at the same time minimize negative economic and social impacts.

House Bill 3013A enables implementation of OPAC's recommendations concerning six such sites with the establishment of a pilot marine reserve at Otter Rock and a pilot marine reserve and a marine protected area at Redfish Rocks; further evaluation of potential marine reserves at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua; and development of a marine reserve proposal at Cape Arago-Seven Devils.