

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2222 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Surcharges for Restoration and Enhancement Program
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Fish and Wildlife
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		

REVENUES:
See Revenue Impact Statement prepared by the Legislative Revenue Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 30, 2009.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill increases the surcharge paid on sport anglers licenses and commercial vessel permits used to support The Department of Fish and Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Program; and, extends the sunset on surcharges to December 31, 2019.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife indicates that the bill would increase Other Fund revenues in the Restoration and Enhancement Program, see the Revenue Impact Statement. Revenues collected from surcharges will be used to continue funding for 2.5 existing positions and for projects that restore state owned fish hatcheries, enhance natural fish production, expand hatchery production, and improve commercial salmon fisheries. ODFW's Restoration and Enhancement Program activities and project selection is overseen by a seven member citizen's advisory board.

Without the bill, the license surcharges will sunset resulting in Other Fund revenue decreases of \$2,505,563 during 2009-11 and \$3,038,033 during the 2011-13 biennia. ODFW also indicates that as a result future projects will decrease and existing staff may ultimately be eliminated.