House Bill 3400

Sponsored by Representative BRUUN

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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.**

Modifies food fish management policy. Requires State Fish and Wildlife Director to submit reports regarding economic impact of salmon harvest in lower Columbia River by certain dates. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to food fish; creating new provisions; amending ORS 506.109; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 506.109 is amended to read:

506.109. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that food fish shall be managed to provide the optimum economic, commercial, recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the goals of food fish management are:

- (1) To maintain all species of food fish at optimum levels in all suitable waters of the state and prevent the extinction of any indigenous species.
- (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will optimize the production, utilization and public enjoyment of food fish.
 - (3) To permit an optimum and equitable utilization of available food fish.
- (4) To develop and maintain access to the lands and waters of the state and the food fish resources thereon.
- (5) To regulate food fish populations and the utilization and public enjoyment of food fish in a manner that is compatible with other uses of the lands and waters of the state and provides optimum commercial and public recreational benefits.
- (6) To preserve the economic contribution of the sports and commercial fishing industries in a manner consistent with sound food fish management practices.
- (7) To develop and implement a program for optimizing the return of Oregon food fish for Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries.
- (8) To allocate, in the course of developing and implementing the program under subsection (7) of this section, the salmon harvest in the lower Columbia River in a manner that ensures the greatest value for Oregon's economy.
 - SECTION 2. Section 3 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 506.
- <u>SECTION 3.</u> The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall conduct an ongoing study of the economic impact of the salmon harvest in the lower Columbia River and shall submit reports of the study in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the Legislative Assembly. The director shall make reports every three years on or before October 1, beginning in 2009.
 - SECTION 4. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

- peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect on its passage.
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