

Senate Bill 502

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, ATKINSON, BATES, GIROD; Senators BOQUIST, FERRIOLI, KRUSE, NELSON, STARR, WHITSETT

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**.

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to create and develop Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries. Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules related to Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) To enhance Oregon's ability to provide world-class angling opportunities,**
5 **the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall establish and develop a class of fisheries to**
6 **be known as Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries.**

7 **(2) The department shall identify at least two bodies of water that are accessible by car**
8 **to be classified as Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries.**

9 **(3) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section,**
10 **including but not limited to rules:**

11 **(a) Establishing a Blue Ribbon angling license and tag, required for angling at Blue Rib-**
12 **bon Still Water Fisheries, that are in addition to and not in lieu of the angling licenses and**
13 **tags required by ORS 497.121;**

14 **(b) Setting fees to be charged for the Blue Ribbon angling license and tag;**

15 **(c) Establishing a limit of two fish per day, between 30 and 50 centimeters each, for each**
16 **individual holding a Blue Ribbon angling license and tag;**

17 **(d) Requiring that individuals angling in Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries use only single**
18 **point and barbless artificial lures and flies;**

19 **(e) Requiring that individuals angling with bait in Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries use**
20 **only single nonoffset circle hooks;**

21 **(f) Providing for stocking Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries with appropriate types and**
22 **sizes of sport fish; and**

23 **(g) Promoting the catch and release of trophy sport fish in order to ensure an exceptional**
24 **angling experience at Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries.**

25 **SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall identify at least two bodies**
26 **of water for classification as Blue Ribbon Still Water Fisheries on or before December 1,**
27 **2010.**

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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.