

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 869

Ordered by the Senate April 22
Including Senate Amendments dated April 22

Sponsored by Senators BATES, MORSE

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.

[Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to designate up to 10 rivers as Class I or Class II waters in order to preserve unique angling opportunities. Authorizes commission to establish classified waters advisory committee. Authorizes commission to issue certain licenses and charge corresponding fees.]

Directs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to designate at least five rivers or streams and two lakes as Blue Ribbon Fisheries. Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop fisheries to provide wide range of angling activities.

Directs department to submit report regarding development of fisheries to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before October 15, 2010.

Directs department to submit funding request to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly for development and maintenance of fisheries.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to angling.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 496.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) To enhance the ability of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to**
6 **develop and protect unique angling opportunities that contribute to the reputation of Oregon**
7 **as a world-class angling destination, the department shall develop and maintain a class of**
8 **fisheries. The class of fisheries developed under this section shall be called Blue Ribbon**
9 **Fisheries.**

10 **(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall designate at least five rivers or streams**
11 **and two lakes to be classified as Blue Ribbon Fisheries.**

12 **(3) The department shall develop Blue Ribbon Fisheries to be quality fisheries that pro-**
13 **vide a wide range of recreational angling activities, including but not limited to:**

14 **(a) Catch and release fishing;**

15 **(b) Family-oriented fishing;**

16 **(c) Fly fishing; and**

17 **(d) Trophy angling.**

18 **(4) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section.**

19 **SECTION 3. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit a report regard-**
20 **ing the development of Blue Ribbon Fisheries to an interim committee of the Legislative**
21 **Assembly related to natural resources no later than October 15, 2010.**

22 **(2) The department shall submit a funding request to the Seventy-sixth Legislative As-**
23 **sembly for the development and maintenance of Blue Ribbon Fisheries.**

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.

