## **B-Engrossed** Senate Bill 869

Ordered by the House June 1 Including Senate Amendments dated April 22 and House Amendments dated June 1

Sponsored by Senators BATES, MORSE; Senator MORRISETTE

## **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

[Directs] Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to designate [at least five rivers or streams and two] up to three lakes as Blue Ribbon Fisheries. Prohibits commission from designating Diamond Lake as Blue Ribbon Fishery. [Directs] Authorizes 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] Authorizes department to submit funding request to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly for development and maintenance of fisheries.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to angling.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: 3
  - SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2009 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 496.
  - SECTION 2. (1) To enhance the ability of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to develop and protect unique angling opportunities that contribute to the reputation of Oregon as a world-class angling destination, the department may develop and maintain a class of fisheries. The class of fisheries developed under this section shall be called Blue Ribbon
- Fisheries. 9

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- (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may designate up to three lakes to be classified as Blue Ribbon Fisheries.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, the commission may not designate Diamond Lake as a Blue Ribbon Fishery.
- (4) The department may develop Blue Ribbon Fisheries to be quality fisheries that provide a wide range of recreational angling activities, including but not limited to:
  - (a) Catch and release fishing;
- (b) Family-oriented fishing: 17
- (c) Fly fishing; and 18
  - (d) Trophy angling.
  - (5) The commission may adopt rules to implement this section.
- SECTION 3. (1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall submit a report regard-21 ing the development of Blue Ribbon Fisheries to an interim committee of the Legislative 22 Assembly related to natural resources no later than October 15, 2010. 23
  - (2) The department may submit a funding request to the Seventy-sixth Legislative As-

sembly for the development and maintenance of Blue Ribbon Fisheries.

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