

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/5, 4/7, 4/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises list of recommendations relating to marine reserves and protected areas that must be implemented by state agencies, as well as list of actions agencies must take to implement recommendations. Revises required elements, including role of public involvement and research goals, of work plan to be developed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for purpose of implementing recommendations regarding marine reserves and protected areas. Imposes reporting requirements on ODFW relating to marine reserves and protected areas. Allows ODFW, where specified goals cannot be met, after review and evaluation, and with approval from Ocean Policy Advisory Council, to adopt adaptive management measures for marine reserves and protected areas. Establishes Ocean Resources Fund, to consist of funds collected by ODFW under ORS 196.550(1), and to be continuously appropriated to ODFW for purposes consistent with ODFW's work plan relating to marine reserves and protected areas. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Marine reserve pilot project areas
- Need for reliable scientific data to evaluate existing and potential future reserve sites
- Role of community teams
- Economic effects of closing fishing grounds

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendments.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature passed House Bill 3013, establishing a process for evaluation and implementation of marine reserves within Oregon's Territorial Sea. ODFW is currently engaged in implementation of this marine reserves process. To date, two pilot marine reserves sites have been established through agency administrative rules, three areas are being evaluated by local community teams as potential marine reserve sites, and one local community team is engaged in a process to potentially develop a site proposal for further evaluation.

Marine reserves are areas within Oregon's Territorial Sea or adjacent rocky intertidal area that are protected from all extractive and development activities, except as necessary for monitoring or research or to aid in the research and management of ocean habitats and marine plants and animals.

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