

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Sprenger, Clem, Jenson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/18, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines “shark fin” and “spiny dogfish.” Establishes person may not possess, sell or offer for sale, trade or distribute shark fins in state. Stipulates prohibition does not apply to person who possesses, sells trades, or distributes spiny dogfish shark fin that was legally taken or landed under rules adopted by Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) in accordance with wildlife and federal regulations. Stipulates Act does not apply to person possessing shark fin on effective date of Act except that person may not sell, trade or distribute shark fin.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Demand for shark fin soup impacting shark populations
- Role of sharks in ecosystem
- Process of shark finning

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces all but whereas section.

BACKGROUND: Oregon fisheries regulations conform to federal requirements prohibiting the removal of shark fins or tail at sea. However, some estimates show that internationally approximately 73 million sharks are finned and killed each year. Hawaii and several U.S. Pacific territories have banned the possession and or sale of shark fins. House Bill 2838 A establishes that a person may not possess, sell or offer for sale, trade or distribute shark fins unless the shark was legally landed under rules adopted by ODFW.