

Enrolled
Senate Bill 626

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, ATKINSON, BATES, GIROD, DEVLIN

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Quality Fresh Waters Program.

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

SECTION 1. (1) To the extent practicable and at no additional cost, using existing resources, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall undertake a study of creating a program, to be known as the Quality Fresh Waters Program, that is devoted to enhancing the ability of the department to develop and protect unique angling opportunities that contribute to the reputation of Oregon as a world-class angling destination.

(2)(a) The Quality Fresh Waters Program shall focus on the following areas:

- (A) Fish management practices;**
- (B) Fish research projects;**
- (C) The protection and restoration of fish habitat; and**
- (D) Enforcement efforts.**

(b) The department shall study how to best implement each focus area specified in this subsection within the context of the Quality Fresh Waters Program.

(3) The department shall study the feasibility of increasing the fees charged to nonresidents for angling licenses, as well as other proposals, to fund the Quality Fresh Waters Program.

(4) The department shall report the results of the study, and shall include recommendations for legislation, including but not limited to those related to a long-term dedicated funding source to implement the Quality Fresh Waters Program, to the interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources on or before November 1, 2012.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on January 2, 2014.

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