

Senate Bill 811

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI

SUMMARY

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Modifies wildlife policy of Oregon. Requires State Fish and Wildlife Commission and State Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide certain advice and consultation with respect to wildlife management.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to wildlife management; amending ORS 496.012 and 496.164; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.012 is amended to read:

5 496.012. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious
6 depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational [*and*], aesthetic **and**
7 **economic** benefits for present and future generations [*of the citizens*] of this state. In furtherance
8 of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the public interest of the State
9 of Oregon and implement the following coequal goals of wildlife management:

10 (1) To maintain all species of wildlife at optimum levels.

11 (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will enhance the
12 production and public enjoyment of wildlife.

13 (3) To permit an orderly and equitable utilization of available wildlife.

14 (4) To develop and maintain public access to the lands and waters of the state and the wildlife
15 resources thereon.

16 (5) To regulate wildlife populations and the public enjoyment of wildlife in a manner that is
17 compatible with primary uses of the lands and waters of the state.

18 (6) To provide optimum recreational benefits.

19 **(7) To make decisions regarding wildlife resources of this state, including but not limited**
20 **to those related to planning regarding the wildlife resources, that consider community**
21 **sustainability impacts resulting from the management of the wildlife resources.**

22 [(7)] **(8)** To make decisions that affect wildlife resources of [*the*] **this** state for the benefit of the
23 wildlife resources and to make decisions that allow for the best social, economic and recreational
24 utilization of wildlife resources by all user groups.

25 **SECTION 2.** ORS 496.164 is amended to read:

26 496.164. The State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife
27 [*may*] **shall** advise, consult and cooperate with other agencies of this state and **cities, counties and**
28 **other** political subdivisions, other states [*or*] **and** the federal government and private landowners
29 with respect to fish and wildlife management. The commission and the department shall provide such
30 information, recommendations or advice in writing if requested by another state or federal agency

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.

1 to do so. Technical advice and information shall be based on the best available scientific informa-
2 tion. Policy or implementation recommendations provided in administrative rulemaking proceedings
3 shall be based on consideration of all the goals of wildlife management in ORS 496.012, in addition
4 to applicable scientific information. State agencies, boards or commissions receiving policy or im-
5 plementation recommendations shall consider such recommendations in the context of their respec-
6 tive statutory responsibilities, and shall take into account the extent to which such
7 recommendations are substantiated with the best available scientific information and based on con-
8 sideration of all of the goals of wildlife management in ORS 496.012.

9 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
10 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**
11 **on its passage.**

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