

Senate Joint Memorial 16

Sponsored by Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress, United States Secretary of Commerce and United States Secretary of the Interior to support initiatives to reintroduce hatchery summer run steelhead into Molalla River.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, the United States Secretary of Commerce and the United States Secretary of the Interior:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Molalla River is accessible to anglers from source to mouth; and

Whereas the Molalla River had hatchery fish introduced into its drainage in the 1960s; and

Whereas past management practices by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife have caused irreparable damage to native fish stocks in the Molalla River; and

Whereas while there were hatchery fish in the Molalla River drainage there was a vibrant fishery that supported local businesses; and

Whereas since discontinuing the planting of hatchery fish in the Molalla River the local economy has suffered due to the loss of anglers; and

Whereas there has been no documented increase in the abundance of native fish in the Molalla River since the discontinuation of the planting of hatchery fish in the Molalla River drainage; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Congress of the United States of America, the United States Secretary of Commerce and the United States Secretary of the Interior are respectfully urged to support initiatives to reintroduce hatchery summer run steelhead into the Molalla River in Oregon.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the United States Secretary of Commerce, to the United States Secretary of the Interior and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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.