

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued****Subsequent Referral: Joint Committee on Ways and Means****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/6, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Appropriates \$370,000 to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities related to administration, operation, and monitoring of Yaquina Bay and Coos Bay spring chinook hatchery programs established by Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Enhanced springtime economic and recreation opportunities for coastal communities
- Pilot programs to test economic and ecological impacts
- Long-term funding for program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the Coastal Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) on June 6, 2014. The plan is the state's working document for managing salmon, steelhead and trout populations along most of the Oregon Coast. Oregon's Native Fish Conservation Policy (NFCP) requires conservation plans for the state's native fish to help ensure they persist into the future and provide ecological and societal benefits.

The CMP was developed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to address conservation and management of anadromous salmonids (salmon, steelhead and trout) on the Oregon coast from Cape Blanco to Seaside. The CMP is unique from other conservation plans in that it addresses both conservation and utilization of six distinct groups of fish species, none of which are listed under the ESA. The CMP addresses the following Species Management Units (SMU): Chinook salmon (spring and fall populations), chum salmon, steelhead (summer and winter populations), and cutthroat trout. In addition to conservation measures, the CMP guides fish management actions relative to fishing opportunities, hatchery programs, predation on salmonids, and habitat needs in the planning area.

Senate Bill 803 would appropriate funds to ODFW for activities related to administration, operation, and monitoring of Yaquina Bay and Coos Bay spring chinook hatchery programs established by the CMP.

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