
MEMORANDUM

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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee

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Date: June 13, 2015

Subject: HB 3012A
Work Session Recommendations

HB 3012A relates to fish hatchery funding. The bill establishes a surcharge on angling licenses and increases the commercial fishing ad valorem fees to fund research projects recommended by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board. Establishes the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund and the Hatchery Construction Fund. Directs that on July 1st of each year, any unexpended or unobligated monies in the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund be transferred to the Hatchery Construction Fund to be used to improve, upgrade or replace existing coastal hatcheries.

The –A2 amendment removes the surcharge from applying to juvenile angling licenses.

Recommended Changes to HB 3012:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends adoption of the –A2 amendment.

Motion #1: Move adoption of the -A2 amendment to HB 2402.

Measure to Full

LFO recommends the measure be moved to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Motion #2: Move HB 3012 as amended, to the full committee with a Do Pass recommendation.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____
2nd Chamber: _____

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3012 - A2

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Tim Walker
Reviewed by: Paul Siebert
Date: 06/15/2015

Measure Description:

Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Revenue Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Other Funds	907,000	1,205,000
Total Funds	\$907,000	\$1,205,000

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill establishes the Oregon hatchery Research Center Fund to fund research projects recommended by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board. Any unobligated funds leftover as of July 1st of each year will be transferred to the Hatchery Construction Fund established by this bill. A \$1 surcharge will be added to most fishing licenses and a \$0.04 per pound surcharge will be levied on commercially harvested salmon. In addition, the bill will change the surcharge on commercially caught salmon and steelhead to the Restoration and Enhancement Fund from \$0.05 per pound to \$0.04 per pound. The bill also requires ODFW to prepare quarterly and annual financial reports for the fund and submit to the Legislative Assembly.

The surcharge on fishing licenses is estimated to raise approximately \$500,000 per year. The catch fee on commercially caught salmon would yield approximately \$141,000 per year. The change in the distribution to the Restoration and Enhancement Fund will result in a decrease in R&E Fund revenues by approximately \$35,000 per year.

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

Prepared By: Paul Siebert, Budget Analyst

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) Fund. Requires moneys in OHRC Fund to be used for research projects recommended by OHRC. Requires unexpended and unobligated balance in OHRC Fund as of July 1 of each year to be transferred to Hatchery Construction Fund. Establishes Hatchery Construction Fund, designates uses of fund and sunsets fund January 2, 2026. Establishes surcharge on angling licenses and additional commercial ad valorem catch fee on salmon and steelhead beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2026. Directs moneys received to be deposited in Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Removes the surcharge from applying to juvenile angling licenses.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) opened in October 2005 with the express purpose of helping fishery managers understand and manage the interactions between hatchery and wild fish. The current OHRC mission is “to be an internationally recognized leader in fisheries science, specializing in defining the mechanisms that may create differences between hatchery and wild salmonids, recommending management strategies to manage those differences while meeting fishery and conservation objectives, and educating Oregonians on the role and performance of hatcheries in supporting and protecting Oregon's native fish and fisheries.” OHRC is a cooperative research project between the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

House Bill 3012A would establish new funding for OHRC research and construction.

HB 3012-A2
(LC 619)
6/11/15 (MAM/emm/ps)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3012**

- 1 On page 2 of the printed A-engrossed bill, delete line 9.
- 2 In line 10, delete “(d)” and insert “(c)”.
- 3 In line 11, delete “(e)” and insert “(d)”.
- 4 In line 12, delete “(f)” and insert “(e)”.
- 5 Delete line 14.
- 6 _____