

HB 2209

Relating to shellfish

HB 2209 establishes the Oregon Shellfish Task Force to establish priorities and implementation strategies for addressing shellfish production in Oregon. In addition, the bill directs the Department of Agriculture to develop a pilot project for monitoring water quality in Tillamook Bay. The bill appropriates \$125,000 General Fund to the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of developing the pilot project and appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to fund shellfish research at Oregon State University.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2209 be reported out do pass.