

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**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 the amendment
- Need for dedicated funding to pay for fish research

**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 3012 would establish new funding for OHRC research and construction.