

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

MEASURE: SB 958 A
CARRIER: Rep. Hayden

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/02/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 05/21, 06/02

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Clem, Gilliam, Gomberg, Helm, Post, Witt

Exc: 1 - McLane

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows organizer of fishing derby to secure State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) fishing derby license to take northern pikeminnow to sell, for charitable fundraising purposes, during duration of derby. Stipulates fee may not be charged for license. Upon receipt of application, requires Commission to review application and issue fishing derby license if Commission determines that fishing derby complies with rules of Commission. Restricts duration of fishing derby to three days. Restricts number of fishing derby licenses that can be awarded by Commission to two per year. Authorizes Commission to adopt rules necessary to implement provisions of Act. Exempts fishing derby participants from requirement to obtain commercial fishing license to participate in derby.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Blackberry Jam Festival annual northern pikeminnow derby
- Financial benefit to local schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Northern pikeminnows (formerly known as northern squawfish) are effective predators of young salmon and steelhead. Research has indicated that a modest removal of northern pikeminnow could result in a disproportionately large reduction in predation of salmon.

Current statute prohibits a person, without first procuring a license from the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, to take food fish in any of the waters of this state for commercial purposes or land food fish in this state for commercial purposes and regulates certain other commercial fishing activities.

Senate Bill 958A would allow a fishing derby organizer to obtain a free fishing derby license from the state to take northern pikeminnow and to sell fish taken during the derby.