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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 496.303.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

<u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount in the Fish and Wildlife Account is abolished.

(2) Any moneys remaining in the Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount on the effective date of this 2015 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any conditions shall be transferred to the State Wildlife Fund.

SECTION 2. ORS 496.303 is amended to read:

496.303. (1) The Fish and Wildlife Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Fish and Wildlife Account shall consist of the moneys in its various subaccounts and any moneys transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly. Unless otherwise specified by law, interest earnings on moneys in the account shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the State Wildlife Fund.

(2)(a) The Fish Screening Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The subaccount shall consist of:

(A) All penalties recovered under ORS 536.900 to 536.920.

(B) All moneys received pursuant to ORS 498.306.

(C) All gifts, grants and other moneys from whatever source that may be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 498.306.

(D) All moneys received from the surcharge on angling licenses imposed by ORS 497.124.

(b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 315.138, 498.306 and 509.620. However, moneys received from the surcharge on angling licenses imposed by ORS 497.124 shall be expended only to carry out the provisions of law relating to the screening of water diversions.

(3) The Fish Endowment Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The subaccount shall consist of transfers of moneys authorized by the Legislative Assembly from the State Wildlife Fund and gifts and grants of moneys from whatever source for the purpose of paying the expense of maintaining fish hatcheries operated by the department.

(4) The Migratory Waterfowl Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of art works and prints related to the migratory waterfowl stamp shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended

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only for activities that promote the propagation, conservation and recreational uses of migratory waterfowl and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the migratory waterfowl stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount may be made within this state, in other states or in foreign countries, in such amounts as the commission determines appropriate. Expenditures in other states and foreign countries shall be on such terms and conditions as the commission determines will benefit most directly the migratory waterfowl resources of this state.

(5) The Halibut Research Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Based on the annual number of recreational halibut anglers, a portion of the moneys derived from the sale of the salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut tag pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be credited to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for halibut population studies and other research.

(6) The Upland Bird Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission from the sale of upland bird stamps, from the sale of any art works and prints related to the upland bird stamp and from private hunting preserve permit fees shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for promoting the propagation and conservation of upland birds and the acquisition, development, management, enhancement, sale or exchange of upland bird habitat, and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the upland bird stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount shall be made for the benefit of programs within this state in such amounts and at such times as the commission determines appropriate to most directly benefit the upland bird resources of the state.

[(7)(a) The Fish and Wildlife Deferred Maintenance Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Interest earnings on moneys in the subaccount shall be credited to the subaccount. The subaccount shall consist of moneys authorized by the Legislative Assembly from the State Wildlife Fund and moneys obtained by gift, grant, bequest or donation from any other public or private source.]

[(b) The principal in the subaccount may be utilized only as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection. Interest earnings on the moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for the maintenance of fish hatcheries and State Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities other than administrative facilities located in Salem.]

[(c) The department may borrow funds from the principal of the subaccount to maintain adequate cash flow requirements. However, moneys borrowed from the principal must be repaid to the subaccount:]

[(A) Within six months from the date on which the moneys were borrowed.]

[(B) With interest at the standard rate that the State Treasurer charges to state agencies for other loans. Interest paid under this subparagraph shall be paid to the subaccount.]

[(d) For purposes of this subsection, "principal" means moneys authorized by the Legislative Assembly for transfer to the subaccount from the State Wildlife Fund, including any assignment of earnings on moneys in the fund and other moneys obtained by gift, grant, bequest or donation deposited into the subaccount.]

[(8)] (7) The Access and Habitat Board Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The subaccount shall consist of moneys transferred to the subaccount pursuant to ORS 496.242. Moneys in the subaccount may be used for the purposes specified in ORS 496.242.

[(9)] (8) The Marine Shellfish Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Interest earnings on moneys in the subaccount shall be credited to the subaccount. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of resident and nonresident shellfish licenses pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the protection and enhancement of shellfish for recreational purposes, including shellfish sanitation costs and the cost of enforcement of wildlife laws pertaining to the taking of shellfish. The State Fish and Wildlife Director, or a designee, the Director of Agriculture, or a designee, and the Su-

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perintendent of State Police, or a designee, shall jointly make a recommendation to the Governor for inclusion in the Governor's budget beginning July 1 of each odd-numbered year.

[(10)(a)] (9)(a) The Mountain Sheep Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).

(b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain sheep, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain sheep habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain sheep resources of this state.

[(11)(a)] (10)(a) The Antelope Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).

(b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of antelope, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of antelope habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit antelope resources of this state.

[(12)(a)] (11)(a) The Mountain Goat Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).

(b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain goats for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain goat habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain goat resources of this state.

[(13)(a)] (12) The commission shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the sources from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or programs against which each withdrawal is charged.

[(b) Using the record created pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the commission shall report, in the budget documents submitted to the Legislative Assembly, on the application of investment and interest earnings to the maintenance of fish hatcheries and other State Department of Fish and Wildlife facilities.]

[(14)] (13) The Oregon Conservation Strategy Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of habitat conservation stamps and from the sale of any art works and prints related to the habitat conservation stamp shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only to promote and implement habitat and species restoration, enhancement and viewing activities identified in the "Oregon Conservation Strategy," 2006, by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the habitat conservation stamps and related art works and prints.

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