

HCR 14 -0 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 3/9, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Commends Tom Rumreich for his years of service with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and his extensive contributions to his community and salmon and trout fisheries of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Educational programs developed by Tom Rumreich to teach students about the life cycle of salmon
- Student field trips and outdoor experiences
- Rumreich's influence on and inspiration for students to make careers related to fish and fisheries

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-0 No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Tom Rumreich began work for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) five days after graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in fisheries science. He has worked on ODFW's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) for most of his career. The goals of STEP are to rehabilitate and improve natural habitat and native fish stocks, to ensure that the harvest does not exceed the fish population's reproductive capability, to provide for volunteer participation in achieving the state's fish management objectives and to support public educational programs related to fisheries. During Rumreich's 37 year career working for ODFW, he worked as a STEP biologist for the Tenmile, Coos and Coquille district developing and carrying out projects that included stream and bank restoration, tree planting and hatchery construction. Rumreich also created educational programs that include instruction in the salmonid life cycle, hands-on fish wrangling and field trips for students from elementary through high school to learn about fish, fisheries and habitat restoration. His programs incorporate volunteers as well, supporting his goal of involving the whole community in fisheries resources.

In August 2016, Rumreich retired from ODFW. House Concurrent Resolution 14 would commend Tom Rumreich for his years of service and extensive contributions to his community and the salmon and trout fisheries of Oregon.