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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee  
**From:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**Re:** HB 5010 Department of Fish and Wildlife

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**Senator Girod:** “HB 5010 is the budget bill for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Department is charged with managing, protecting, and enhancing the state’s fish and wildlife and their habitats to provide the optimum economic, commercial, recreational, and aesthetic benefits. The budget for the Department totals \$354.2 million. The budget includes \$28.1 million General Fund, \$5.4 million Measure 76 Lottery Funds, \$184.5 million Other Funds, \$136.2 million Federal Funds and 1,368 positions (1,147.97 FTE).

The total funds budget is 1.4% lower and the total number of positions is 7.2% lower than the 2015-17 legislatively approved budget level, with General Fund support 10% lower than in 2015-17. General Fund reductions include eliminating the remainder of the Western Oregon Stream Restoration program, eliminating three fish monitoring positions, and eliminating the final General Fund payment to the Columbia River Fisheries Transition Fund. The Transition Fund has never been accessed since its creation in the 2013-15 biennium.

The total number of positions is 7.2% lower than 2015-17 due largely to elimination of 82 vacant positions. Federal Funds expenditure limitation is 4.6% lower than 2015-17 to better align the budget with more realistic expectations of federal expenditure levels.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5010 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”