

HCR 14 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 04/05/17
Action: Be adopted.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Baertschiger Jr, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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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 the salmon and trout fisheries of Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Mr. Rumreich has been recognized for educating more than 100,000 Oregon school children about fisheries
- Helped to build the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program
- Worked to raise funds to build coastal hatchery with a school classroom that has served children from all parts of Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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, ensure that the harvest does not exceed the fish population's reproductive capability, provide for volunteer participation in achieving the state's fish management objectives, and support public educational programs related to fisheries.

During Mr. 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. Mr. 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, Mr. 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.