

HCR 38 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Boone

House Committee On Rules

Action Date: 06/06/17

Action: Be Adopted.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Barreto, Hack, Holvey, Kennemer, McLane, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Nosse

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares August 2017 Oregon Albacore Tuna Month.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Amount of albacore tuna harvested annually in Oregon
- Economic benefits of albacore tuna harvesting
- Increasing enthusiasm for coastal activities during albacore tuna season
- Environmental sustainability of albacore tuna fishing

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

For 88 years, albacore tuna has been harvested commercially in Oregon and their consumption has expanded beyond the tuna sandwich to the center of the plate in gourmet meals.

The albacore tuna fishery is ranked among the top five revenue-generating Oregon fisheries in addition to being certified as a well-managed, sustainable fishery by major environmental groups. The economic effects of albacore tuna harvesting reaches fishermen and buyers from 22 of Oregon's 36 counties. This includes commercial fishing vessels which contribute to family-wage jobs and more than 60 other businesses that also contribute to Oregon jobs by purchasing tuna for processing and distribution.

The peak of the annual albacore tuna harvest occurs during the summer months where between 350 and 425 Oregon commercial fishing vessels participate in the harvest.

House Concurrent Resolution 38 declares August 2017 as Oregon Albacore Tuna Month.