

HCR 38 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Rules

Action Date: 07/06/17

Action: Be adopted with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Ferrioli, Roblan

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares August as Oregon Albacore Tuna Month.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Effective date

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes references to the year 2017.

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-A declares August as Oregon Albacore Tuna Month.