House Bill 3425

Sponsored by Representative KENNEMER, Senator MONROE; Senator GIROD

SUMMARY

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Requires that state goals for food fish management ensure that certain decisions be made in consideration of and proportionate with revenues generated by recreational and commercial fisheries for State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to food fish management policy; amending ORS 506.109.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - **SECTION 1.** ORS 506.109 is amended to read:
 - 506.109. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that food fish shall be managed to provide the optimum economic, commercial, recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the goals of food fish management are:
 - (1) To maintain all species of food fish at optimum levels in all suitable waters of the state and prevent the extinction of any indigenous species.
 - (2) To develop and manage the lands and waters of this state in a manner that will optimize the production, utilization and public enjoyment of food fish.
 - (3) To permit an optimum and equitable utilization of available food fish.
 - (4) To develop and maintain access to the lands and waters of the state and the food fish resources thereon.
 - (5) To regulate food fish populations and the utilization and public enjoyment of food fish in a manner that is compatible with other uses of the lands and waters of the state and provides optimum commercial and public recreational benefits.
 - (6) To preserve the economic contribution of the sports and commercial fishing industries in a manner consistent with sound food fish management practices.
 - (7) To develop and implement a program for optimizing the return of Oregon food fish for Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries.
 - (8) To ensure that the following decisions regarding Oregon's recreational and commercial fisheries are made in consideration of and proportionate with the revenues generated for the State Department of Fish and Wildlife by the recreational and commercial fisheries, respectively:
 - (a) Fisheries management decisions;
 - (b) Allocation of fishery resources; and
 - (c) Establishment of fishing seasons.

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