

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5510

Department of Fish and Wildlife

SB 5510 is the budget bill for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The recommended budget for the agency is \$391,911,959 total funds, which is a 7.5% increase from the legislatively approved budget for the 2017-19 biennium. General Fund in the budget is increased by 18.6% and Measure 76 Lottery Funds by 43.4%.

The budget includes additional General Fund for pinniped predation, wolf plan implementation, water quality work, steelhead production at Santiam Hatchery, and an anti-poaching campaign that includes funding five Department of State Police positions and a Department of Justice attorney to assist with local prosecutions.

The Measure 76 Lottery Funds is increased by \$2 million from the current service level to utilize a one-time available fund balance from the increased May 2019 forecast. Federal Funds are 7.1% higher than the 2017-19 legislatively approved levels due to increased Pittman-Robertson apportionment. The total number of positions is increased by 22.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5510 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.