

# Senate Bill 858

Sponsored by Senator ANDERSON

## SUMMARY

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Creates free license for organizers of Oregon Tuna Classic tournament to take and sell tuna taken during tournament.

Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules. Provides that rules may exempt tournament organizers and participants from holding commercial fishing licenses or albacore tuna landing licenses and waive catch fees and certain recordkeeping requirements.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to fishing; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) An organizer of an Oregon Tuna Classic tournament may apply for and obtain from the State Fish and Wildlife Commission a fishing tournament license to take tuna and to sell, for charitable fundraising to benefit the Oregon Food Bank, tuna taken during the tournament.**

**(2) The commission shall issue the license if the commission determines that the tournament will:**

**(a) Comply with commission rules related to the protection of native fish species; and**

**(b) Be conducted in a manner that minimizes impacts on sensitive fish or wildlife populations or habitats.**

**(3) The license must be free and for one tournament only.**

**(4) The tournament may occur not more than once a year and for a duration of not more than three days.**

**(5) The commission may adopt rules necessary to implement this section.**

**(6) Notwithstanding ORS 508.025, 508.030, 508.035, 508.235, 508.260, 508.300, 508.505, 508.506 and 508.535, the rules may, for a tournament organizer or participant, for purposes of the tournament:**

**(a) Provide that commercial fishing licenses are not required;**

**(b) Provide that albacore tuna landing licenses are not required;**

**(c) Waive catch fees; and**

**(d) Waive requirements related to recordkeeping for food fish received and bought.**

**(7) The rules may not waive license, tag or permit requirements described in ORS chapter 497.**

**SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.