

**HB 4072 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Action Date:** 02/14/22**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 10-0-0-0**Yeas:** 10 - Goodwin, Helm, Hudson, Marsh, Moore-Green, Owens, Pham, Smith DB, Valderrama, Wilde**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Erin Pischke, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/14**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to, upon application and payment of the applicable fees established by the fee schedule under ORS 497.061, issue a **Rogue–South Coast (RSC) steelhead validation and Rogue–South Coast wild steelhead harvest card**. Eliminates one-day angling license. Reduces maximum one-day angling and shellfish license fee established in fee schedule as follows: the resident fee is changed from \$32.50 to **\$23.00** and the nonresident fee is changed from \$32.50 to **\$23.00**. Replaces temporary partial dedication of one-day angling license fee with one-day angling and shellfish license fee to Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund during the period beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2026. Requires Commission to adopt rules concerning issuance of, and requirements related to, the Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue–South Coast wild steelhead harvest card, including rules addressing when the validation and harvest card are required, relative to licenses, tags, and permits that are required under the wildlife laws. Requires moneys received from the sale of the Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card to be credited to the Rogue–South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Requires moneys in the subaccount be used for research and monitoring that is consistent with the **Rogue–South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP)** the Commission adopted in December 2021, as subsequently amended by the Commission. Authorizes Commission to amend the RSP as needed. Requires Commission to make the current version of the RSP publicly available on a website of the Commission or of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impacts of one-day licenses on recreational charter fishing businesses
- Opportunities to attract out-of-state tourists to Oregon
- Purpose of Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and Rogue–South Coast wild steelhead harvest card fee authorizations
- Research and monitoring to be conducted using moneys received from the validation and harvest card fees

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**Removes** direction to Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) to establish by rule fees for hunting, angling, and shellfish licenses, tags, and permits that are less than amount established in statutory fee schedule. Adds **RSC Steelhead Validation** and **RSC Wild Steelhead Harvest Card** fees to the Commission fee schedule. Authorizes Commission to, upon application and payment of the applicable fees established by the fee schedule or the Commission under ORS 497.061, issue **Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and Rogue–South Coast wild steelhead harvest card** to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish. Requires Commission to adopt rules concerning issuance of, and requirements related to, the Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and the

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) is authorized to issue, to individuals desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish, licenses and tags upon payment of applicable fees as required under the fee schedule in ORS 497.061.

According to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Rogue–South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan (RSP) was “developed to guide management of steelhead, coho salmon, and cutthroat trout in coastal watersheds of southwest Oregon from the Elk River south to the Winchuck River, including the Rogue Basin,” with the primary purpose of the plan being to “ensure the continued viability and conservation of the Rogue–South Coast winter steelhead, summer steelhead, coho salmon, and coastal cutthroat trout Species Management Units so that they provide substantial ecological and societal benefits.” The Commission adopted the RSP on December 17, 2021.

House Bill 4072 A would authorize the Commission to issue a Rogue–South Coast steelhead validation and Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card and would eliminate the one-day angling license.