

HB 4072 A -A4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 4072 eliminates the one-day angling license administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and decreases the rates for a one-day angling and shellfish license from \$32.50 to \$23.00. The measure also creates two new fees, for Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Validation (\$2 for residents and \$4 for non-residents), and for Rogue-South Coast Wild Steelhead Harvest Cards (\$10 for residents and \$20 for nonresidents). Revenue from these fees is to be deposited in the new Rogue-South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount of the Fish and Wildlife Account. Funding would be used for new research and monitoring actions associated with implementing the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan, and could include creel surveys, water temperature and water flow monitoring, spawning surveys, genetic studies, and other associated work.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Rogue-South Coast fee concept
- Recommended amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A4 The -A4 amendment was provided by Legislative Counsel to correct a drafting error.

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. Currently, the one-day angling license is \$23.00 while the one-day angling and shellfish license is \$32.50.

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.