

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 23: Department of Agriculture Sustainable Seafood Fisheries Market

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means approve the submission of a federal grant application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the amount of \$450,000 to expand market demand for Oregon-produced seafood.

In 2023, the Legislature appropriated \$1.2 million General Fund for distribution to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to increase capacity and enhance infrastructure for local fisheries. If awarded funds under the federal grant opportunity, the Department of Agriculture will build on this effort by supporting new partnerships, outreach, and promotions to increase demand for Oregon seafood in both domestic and international markets. The grant application is due by November 21st and no state match is required.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.