

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife National Fish Passage Program

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

On January 26th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$1,890,000 to deliver four projects restoring fish passage throughout the state.

This grant would not only restore fish passage, but also modernize infrastructure such as road culverts, bridges, and water diversions. Unfortunately, on February 15th, the Department received notification that none of the four projects were selected at the regional level to move forward in the federal grant process. The request is for retroactive approval because the application deadline was January 10th, 2023, after the last meeting of the Emergency Board and prior to the start of session.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.