

James Fraser Oregon Policy Advisor Re: HB 2929 A (2023)



Juvenile steelhead / Oncorhynchus mykiss Image source: John McMillan / Trout Unlimited

Illegal water storage (OWRD photos).



Large dam on small stream.

Summer 2019

- Coho likely stranded in ditch.
- Only second time BLM biologist has seen creek dry.
- Dry year but not declared drought.

Winter 2022

- Push up dam, diversion remains in place.
- Overtopping fish screen.



Resumption of abandoned diversion dam.

- May 2019.
- Dam rebuilt at old diversion site.
- ODFW records indicate the screen was marked "turned out" since 2011, basically means not taking water.





Unpermitted pumping from streams.





Wetland damaged for grow site.

Before:

After: grow site terraced into hillside with no erosion control, no water rights.



Source: ODFW / OWRD. Portion of slide deck included in Attachment 2 of TU's written testimony on HB 2929 A.