

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Projects

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

On May 25th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$8,800,000 for the purpose of fish passage and habitat restoration projects.

The Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration grant program provides federal funding for construction projects that are collaboratively developed, have regional benefits, and are aimed at improving the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration and improved fish passage. The Department has identified three projects as candidates for this funding. They include:

- Culvert and dam removal, and replacement of five tide gates in the Nehalem Watershed;
- Removing dams and culverts, constructing beaver habitat, and replacing two bridges that restrict floodplain in the South Umpqua River; and
- Construction design for fish passage and stream connection at Ogee Dam.

The 10% match requirement will largely be contributed by eleven local partners. If awarded, the Department anticipates returning to the Legislature to request Federal Funds expenditure limitation. No additional Department staff is needed.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.