

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife McKay Creek Dam

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Breese-Iverson

On February 5th the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Bureau of Reclamation of \$4 million to restore fish passage at McKay Creek Dam Reservoir.

The grant would fund the analysis of alternatives, engineering design, and passage construction. The dam is currently the number one fish passage barrier in the Mid-Columbia Recovery Plan for Steelhead and ranks 11th highest in the agency's overall fish passage priorities. Removing the barriers will provide stream connectedness and thermal refuge for steelhead, bull trout, lamprey, and Chinook salmon.

The grant requires a 35% cost share, which ODFW intends to meet through lottery bond proceeds combined with funding from partners.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.