

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Rogue Fish District

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

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 \$500,000 for the Rogue Spawning Gravel Restoration Project.

The Department completed the planning process for a gravel restoration and maintenance project on the Rogue River in late January. The project targets several sites on the river and tributary streams between William Jess Dam and Applegate Dam, in Southwest Oregon. Over time, the area has lost spawning gravel impacting habitat for salmon, steelhead, and Pacific lamprey. For wild spring Chinook salmon in the Rogue River, this area is some of the last remaining spawning habitat.

The grant requires a 35% cost share, which the Department intends to meet through Private Forest Accord Mitigation Funds and contributions from partners.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.