

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Fish and Wildlife Hatchery Assessment**

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

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On February 7th the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Department of Fish and Wildlife on the status of the fish hatchery assessment.

A budget note directed the agency to procure a third-party assessment of the operations, sustainability, and climate vulnerability of state-owned fish hatcheries. According to the status report, the Department anticipates a completed assessment in time for the 2025 legislative session and has contracted with seven specialized vendors to complete portions of the assessment.

The analyses are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2024. The Department will then compile the analyses for engagement with Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes and members of the public. The engagement activities will continue to take place throughout the fall of 2024 and the feedback and comments gathered will be used to inform the final assessment.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.