

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 18: Department of Fish and Wildlife National Coastal Resilience Fund

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

The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application for engagement, design, and permitting work to improve fish passage in the Gallagher Slough within Tillamook County.

The proposed project aims to reduce the risk of flooding by improving natural tidal flow exchange which will benefit summer grazing lands and provided improved winter habitat for Coho Salmon by removing failing tide gates and replacing a new design of tide gate in a different location. The grant funds, if awarded, will serve as match to previously awarded grant funds from the Bureau of Reclamation. The project must be completed within three years of the grant award date, which is anticipated to be received during December 2025.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means retroactively approve the submission of a federal grant application by the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, in the amount of \$350,000, for engagement, design, and permitting work to improve fish passage in the Gallagher Slough within Tillamook County.