

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Department of Fish and Wildlife Klamath River Screening**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Owens

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On January 28th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for retroactive approval to submit a federal grant application.

In mid-December the agency submitted advance notice to the Legislature of their intent to apply for a federal grant with the Bureau of Reclamation through the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program to support fish screening along the Klamath River to protect threatened coho salmon and endangered suckers.

The grant funds would support community engagement, planning, design, and construction of fish screens at priority diversions along the Klamath River. There is a 35% cost share on the construction costs, which the agency intends to apply for non-federal grants to meet this requirement.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the Bureau of Reclamation, in the amount of \$7,000,000, for fish screening on the Klamath River.