

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Keno Fish Passage

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

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 improve fish passage at the Keno Dam. The fish ladder at the Keno Dam was constructed in 1968, has had no upgrades since construction, and does not meet the needs of many species.

The grant funds would support community engagement, planning, design, and construction of fish passage improvements. 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 \$4,500,000, for fish passage projects in the Klamath River Basin.