

# House Bill 2046

Sponsored by Representative WRIGHT (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells an agency to issue credits or adjust fees for fishing tags or permits when a fishing season is cut short or canceled. The Act applies to both recreational and commercial fishing seasons. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.9).

Directs the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue credits or adjust fees for angling tags and permits when an angling season is shortened or canceled, in proportion to the portion of the season during which the tags or permits may not be used.

Directs the commission to issue credits or adjust fees for commercial fishing permits when a commercial fishing season is shortened or canceled, in proportion to the portion of the season during which the permits may not be used.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to fishing season curtailment.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 497.**

5 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding ORS 497.061, if the State Fish and Wildlife Commission**  
6 **shortens or cancels a season for angling:**

7 (1) **After the start of the season, the commission shall issue a credit that may be used**  
8 **in a future season for angling, under a state computerized licensing system, to a person that**  
9 **holds an unfilled tag or permit to angle during the season, in proportion to the portion of the**  
10 **season during which the person is not allowed to angle under the unfilled tag or permit, if**  
11 **the person:**

12 (a) **Requests the credit under the state computerized licensing system; and**

13 (b) **Returns the unfilled tag or permit to the commission.**

14 (2) **Before the start of the season, the commission may only charge a person for a portion**  
15 **of the fee for the permit or tag described in ORS 497.061 for the season that is in proportion**  
16 **to the portion of the season during which the person will be allowed to angle under the tag**  
17 **or permit.**

18 **SECTION 3. Section 4 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 508.**

19 **SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of ORS chapter 508, if the State Fish**  
20 **and Wildlife Commission shortens or cancels a season pursuant to which a person may take**  
21 **fish under a permit issued under ORS chapter 508:**

22 (1) **After the start of the season, the commission shall issue a credit that may be used**  
23 **in a future season under which a person may take fish under a permit issued under ORS**  
24 **chapter 508, under a state computerized licensing system, to a person that holds an unfilled**  
25 **permit to take fish during the season, in proportion to the portion of the season during**  
26 **which the person is not allowed to take fish under the unfilled permit, if the person:**

27 (a) **Requests the credit under the state computerized licensing system; and**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(b) Returns the unfilled permit to the commission.**

2       **(2) Before the start of the season, the commission may only charge a person for a portion**  
3 **of the fee for a permit described in ORS chapter 508 for the season that is in proportion to**  
4 **the portion of the season during which the person will be allowed to take fish under the**  
5 **permit.**

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