

Senate Bill 331

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (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: This Act tells ODFW to treat some hatchery and natural fish stocks as a single population. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.6).

Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to manage hatchery produced and naturally produced salmon and steelhead in a watershed as a single population.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to native fish.

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 496.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "native fish" and "naturally produced" have the**
6 **meaning given those terms in ORS 496.430.**

7 **(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, and except as provided in**
8 **subsection (3) of this section, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall manage**
9 **indigenous stocks of salmon and steelhead in a watershed, whether naturally produced or**
10 **hatchery produced, as a single, integrated native fish population in accordance with ORS**
11 **496.012.**

12 **(3) The department may manage naturally produced and hatchery produced indigenous**
13 **salmon or steelhead in a watershed as separate populations only as strictly necessary to**
14 **satisfy the requirements of the federal Endangered Species Act.**

15 **(4) The department shall submit a report, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the**
16 **committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources**
17 **before managing salmon or steelhead stocks pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.**

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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.