

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## Department of Fish and Wildlife

### Umpqua Basin Hatchery

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Breese-Iverson

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On February 9th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee received a report from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on fish hatchery operations within the Umpqua Basin.

The agency was directed in a budget note in HB 5006 during the 2025 legislative session to provide a report, in consultation with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, on its recommendations for overall hatchery operations in the Umpqua Basin based on its prior hatchery resilience assessment.

Prior to its destruction in the Archie Creek Fire in 2020, the Rock Creek Hatchery was the primary hub for hatchery production in the Umpqua Basin. The provided report evaluated the feasibility of restoring the hatchery to pre-2020 production versus a combination of actions including partially restoring the hatchery, establishing a new facility, and relying on regional hatcheries (called the “Resilient Umpqua Basin Hatchery Option”).

Although design and construction cost estimates were not included, the agency determined that the Resilient Umpqua Basin Hatchery Option would be significantly less expensive, more likely to meet regulatory compliance standards,

less reliant on mechanical systems, and less vulnerable to natural disasters due to its multiple locations.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends acknowledging receipt of the report.