

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

**March 22, 2005 Hearing Room D**

**1:00 P.M. Tapes 23 - 24**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Gordon Anderson, Chair**

**Rep. Mary Nolan, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Phil Barnhart**

**Rep. Bill Garrard**

**Rep. John Lim**

**Rep. Diane Rosenbaum**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair**

**STAFF PRESENT: John Houser, Committee Administrator**

**Mike Reiley, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**

**HB 2011 – Public Hearing**

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**TAPE/# Speaker Comments**

**TAPE 23, A**

003 Chair Anderson Calls the meeting to order at 1:13 p.m. Opens a public hearing on HB 2011.

**HB 2011 – PUBLIC HEARING**

015 Duane Bales Legislative Director, House Majority Office. Testifies in support of HB 2011 on behalf of Rep. Wayne Scott, House District 39.

032 Dan Grogan President, Fisherman’s Marine & Outdoor. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2011 (**EXHIBIT A**).

060 Chair Anderson Asks for an explanation of gillnet fishing.

064 Grogan Explains non-tribal gillnet fishing on the Columbia River.

070 B.G. Eilertson Merchandising Manager, G.I. Joes. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2011 (**EXHIBIT B**).

101 Rep. Garrard Asks the difference between “equitable” and “sustainable”.

104 Grogan Provides an explanation.

138 Rep. Garrard Asks if HB 2011 would endanger Oregon fish hatcheries.

142 Eilertson Answers that it is not the intent of HB 2011. Discusses the intent of HB 2011.

151 Grogan States that he has worked with Sen. Gordon Smith on Willamette River hatcheries and would maintain fin-clipped resources for fishing.

154 Chair Anderson Asks if HB 2011 would impact the number of fishing licenses.

156 Grogan Answers that seasons would be longer and uninterrupted. States that licenses would increase as would boat sales.

160 Eilertson Notes that tourism would increase as well.

162 Rep. Lim Asks if the salmon run has increased or decreased over the last three or four years.

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| 170 | Grogan         | Explains the salmon run numbers in the last three or four years.   |
| 190 | Trey Carskadon | Advanced Marketing Solutions. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2011 ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ).  |
| 250 | Liz Hamilton   | Executive Director, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA). Submits and reads prepared testimony and information in support of HB 2011 ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ). |
| 342 | Rep. Nolan     | Asks how Ms. Hamilton is defining “family wage” jobs in her estimate.  |
| 348 | Hamilton       | Explains family wage in the industry. Offers to return information to the committee.   |
| 358 | Rep. Nolan     | Discusses Ms. Hamilton’s testimony about wages in the industry.  |
| 372 | Carskadon      | Explains difficulty with figures.  |
| 390 | Rep. Nolan     | Asks for data on how many “family wage” jobs are in Oregon.  |
| 395 | Hamilton       | States that she will provide the information.  |
| 400 | Rep. Lim       | Asks the difference between “equitable” and “sustainable.”   |
| 408 | Hamilton       | Comments that equitable is looking at the historical allocation of abundance and sustainable is looking at current fish populations.                                     |

**TAPE 24, A**

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| 008 | Jim Stevenson  | Board Director, Northwest Guides and Anglers Association. Submits and reads prepared testimony in support of HB 2011 ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ). |
| 015 | Chair Anderson | Asks how many guides and anglers Stevenson represents.   |
| 018 | Stevenson      | States that membership is currently at 20 members.   |
| 030 | Sharon Schaub  |  |

Business Manager, Association of Northwest Steelheaders. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony and a booklet entitled “The Northwest Steelheader,” in support of HB 2011 **(EXHIBIT F)**.

- 045      Barney Currigan      Ifish.net. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in support of HB 2011 **(EXHIBIT G)**.
- 080      Rep. Nolan      Notes that she miscalculated on the statistics earlier while speaking with Hamilton.
- 087      Tom Wolf      Trout Unlimited. Testifies in support of HB 2011.
- 117      Chair Anderson      Recesses the hearing.
- 120      Chair Anderson      Reconvenes the hearing.
- 121      Rep. Deborah Boone      House District 32. Testifies in support of HB 2011.
- 145      Chair Anderson      Comments on fishing. Recesses the hearing.
- 148      Chair Anderson      Reconvenes the hearing.
- 160      Rep. Lim      States that he and Terry Thompson served together in the Oregon Legislature.
- 172      Terry Thompson      Lincoln County Commissioner. Testifies in opposition to HB 2011.
- 210      Chair Anderson      States that the committee welcomes input from both positions on HB 2011.
- 215      Jim Markee      Salmon For All. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony in opposition to HB 2011 **(EXHIBIT H)**.
- 333      Rep. Brad Witt      House District 31. Testifies in opposition to HB 2011.
- 373      Bruce Buckmaster      Salmon For All. Testifies in opposition to HB 2011. Discusses the term equitable.

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| 025 | Carl Finle   | Commercial Salmon Troller. Testifies in opposition to HB 2011. Explains that Oregon coastal fishing is not doing as well as some have said.   |
| 051 | Rod Harder   | Oregon Trappers Association. Testifies in opposition to HB 2011. Comments that most of his concerns with HB 2011 are with wildlife.   |
| 080 | Lindsay Ball | Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding HB 2011 ( <b>EXHIBIT I</b> ).   |
| 203 | Rep. Lim     | Asks about using the terms equitable and sustainable together.  |
| 210 | Ball         | Responds the need for both sustainability and equitability in fish policy.  |
| 223 | Rep. Lim     | Clarifies the language of equitable and sustainable.  |
| 228 | Ball         | Answers that equitable utilization and sustainability should remain in different subsections to give clear direction.   |
| 240 | Phil Donovan | NSIA. Association of Northwest Steelheaders. Testifies regarding HB 2011. States that the intent of HB 2011 is to allow greater flexibility for the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. |
| 290 | Rep. Nolan   | Asks Donovan for an example of a decision that he felt the Commission should have made, but could not because they were limited by statute.   |
| 299 | Donovan      | Discusses the spring Chinook commercial gillnet and sport allocation decisions.   |
| 326 | Rep. Nolan   | Asks Donovan how changing from equitable to sustainable will allow someone to take more fish.   |
| 338 | Donovan      | Responds that the intent of the bill is to provide the optimum utilization of a resource from the beginning of a fishing season.  |
| 357 | Rep. Lim     | Asks for clarification regarding equitable in relation to commercial and sport fishing.   |

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| 365 | Donovan        | Discusses the difference in the harvest between sport and commercial fishing.  |
| 387 | Rep. Barnhart  | Asks for clarification regarding what type of fishing takes place offshore.  |
| 405 | Donovan        | Responds and notes that there is minimal equity in ocean fishing.  |
| 430 | Chair Anderson | States that there were several industry representatives that could not attend today's hearing that are in opposition to HB 2011. Closes the public hearing on HB 2011. |
| 460 | John Houser    | Committee Administrator. Discusses future committee work on Thursday, March 31st.  |
| 481 | Chair Anderson | Adjourns the meeting at 2:40 p.m.  |

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A. **HB 2011, written testimony, Dan Grogan, 1 p**
- B. **HB 2011, written testimony, B.G. Eilertson, 1 p**
- C. **HB 2011, written testimony, Trey Carskadon, 3 pp**
- D. **HB 2011, written testimony, Liz Hamilton, 6 pp**
- E. **HB 2011, written testimony, Jim Stevenson, 1 p**
- F. **HB 2011, written testimony, Sharon Schaub, 25 pp**
- G. **HB 2011, written testimony, Barney Currigan, 1 p**
- H. **HB 2011, written testimony, Jim Markee, 6 pp**
- I. **HB 2011, written testimony, Lindsay Ball, 2 pp**