

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER

March 18, 2005 Hearing Room 357

1:00 P.M. Tapes 48 - 49

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Jenson, Chair

Rep. Phil Barnhart

Rep. Billy Dalto

Rep. Carolyn Tomei

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Alan Brown

Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, Vice-Chair

Rep. Jerry Krummel, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Committee Administrator

Elizabeth Howe, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

HJM 10 – Work Session

HB 2522 – Work Session

Coho

Assessment Project Report – Informational Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 48, A		
003	Chair Jenson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Opens a work session on HJM 10.

HJM 10 – WORK SESSION

005	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Administrator. Provides background for HJM 10.
012	Rep. Barnhart	MOTION: Moves HJM 10 be sent to the floor with a BE ADOPTED recommendation.
		VOTE: 4-0-3
		AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.
		EXCUSED: 3 - Brown, Dingfelder, Krummel
018	Chair Jenson	The motion CARRIES. REP. ROBLAN will lead discussion on the floor.
019	Chair Jenson	Notes that Rep. Barnhart will lead discussion if Rep. Roblan declines.
030	Chair Jenson	Closes work session on HJM 10. Opens a work session on HB 2522.

HB 2522 – WORK SESSION

033	Sandy Thiele-Cirka	Administrator. Provides review of HB 2522 and testimony from the public hearing.
042	Chair Jenson	Notes that the Judiciary Committee does not need to review the bill.
046	Rep. Barnhart	MOTION: Moves HB 2522 to the floor with a DO PASS recommendation.

- 049 Rep. Dalto Inquires if there is a subsequent referral.
- 051 Chair Jenson Responds that there is no subsequent referral.
- VOTE: 4-0-3**
- AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.**
- EXCUSED: 3 - Brown, Dingfelder, Krummel**
- 055 Chair Jenson The motion CARRIES.**
- REP. TOMEI will lead discussion on the floor.**
- 065 Rep. Dalto Suggests that HB 2522 be placed on the consent calendar, and other members could take it off if they object.
- 072 Chair Jenson Declines request. Closes work session on HB 2522. Opens informational hearing from the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team (IMST) on the Coastal Coho Assessment Project Report (CCAPR).

IMST, COASTAL COHO ASSESSMENT PROJECT REPORT – INFORMATIONAL HEARING

- 080 Stan Gregory Co-Chair, IMST. Submits presentation materials (**EXHIBIT A**) and provides information on the CCAPR.
- 150 Gregory Continues discussion on viability assessment and the CCAPR.
- 205 Gregory Stresses that the CCAPR is a success of the Oregon Plan and discusses the Oregon Plan goals for standards and levels of viability.
- 250 Chair Jenson Questions whether the Oregon Plan is and will still be in place for Coho restoration.
- 277 Gregory Responds that assessment and review underscore Oregon Plan implementation, and the CCAPR needs the Oregon Plan to accomplish its requests. Continues presentation and describes different models for assessment.
- 364 Chair Jenson Questions how many teachers it will cost to fund models.

383 Gregory Believes that there will be no cost to the state.

TAPE 49, A

003 Rep. Barnhart Expresses appreciation for using teachers as a measure for cost.

026 Chair Jenson Concludes that changing landscape from natural habitat will cause extinction. Questions whether the state legislature can control it and what the utility is.

066 Gregory Discusses what will happen if we continue to do what we currently do with our landscape, or if we continue to implement to Oregon Plan.

116 Gregory Concludes by stating that IMST believes the process for analysis is scientifically valid and that the state should be proud of the Oregon Plan. Discusses changing habitat capacity in Richer Model for Coho.

173 Rep. Barnhart Questions how well the models reflect reality in the water. Questions how much risk we can afford if models are wrong at a crucial time.

192 Gregory Responds that the state checks reality with the models. Addresses question of uncertainty and explains accuracy percentages.

210 Chair Jenson States that science is rarely absolute. Questions whether science has the tools to reverse its positions if they produce unfavorable results.

240 Gregory Discusses probabilities and modifying changes that were not as effective as expected. Emphasizes the benefits of the state review.

285 Rep. Tomei States belief that the Legislature has a duty to protect our resources, and should not have to choose between teachers and the environment.

313 Chair Jenson Responds that the Legislature has a responsibility to create policy that is responsible with resources available.

412 Rep. Barnhart Expresses appreciation for IMST's optimism, and remarks that the Northwest has an opportunity to be the first civilization to maintain its natural habitat.

TAPE 48, B

015	Chair Jenson	Discusses management practices that have allowed progress.
030	Gregory	Stresses that salmon were at historical lows, and they are improving and meet the minimum criteria for viability, but are not robust.
048	Chair Jenson	Notes that overpopulation causes extinction, and questions whether it is true that the fewer the fish the higher the reproductivity.
087	Gregory	Replies that the Viability Assessment shows the productivity increasing with low numbers, but shows that fish are still at risk for extinction with such a low number of spawners.
152	Ed Bowles	Fish Division Administrator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Testifies personally that he is impressed with the time IMST has given to the CCAPR. Adds that IMST will have a vital role in supporting the Oregon Plan.
197	Chair Jenson	Shares criticism he heard that less attention has been given to alternatives.
230	Gregory	Discusses the proposals from IMST on stream temperatures.
280	Chair Jenson	Closes informational hearing. Adjourns the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. Coastal Coho Assessment Project, presentation materials, Stan Gregory, 42 pp