

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 389

June 23, 2005 Hearing Room D

5:00 P.M. Tapes 1 - 4

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**        **Sen. Charlie Ringo, Chair**  
                                     **Sen. Alan Bates**  
                                     **Sen. David Nelson**  
                                     **Rep. Brian Boquist**  
                                     **Rep. Arni Roblan**  
                                     **Rep. Patti Smith**

**MEMBER VISITING:**        **Rep. Chuck Burley**

**STAFF PRESENT:**         **Matt Shields, Committee Administrator**  
                                     **Katie Lowry, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:**  
                                     **SB 389B –Work Session**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b>TAPE 1, A</b>		
005	Chair Ringo	Calls the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Makes opening remarks. Opens a work session on SB 389B.
<b><u>SB 389B – WORK SESSION</u></b>		
	Matt Shields	Committee Administrator. Submits the –B6 amendments to SB 389B ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ) and an excerpt from ORS 498 ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ).
020	Roy Elicker	Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Explains they have a PowerPoint presentation which will provide an overview of cougar management and cougar research.
025	Ron Anglin	Wildlife Division Administrator, ODFW. Submits written testimony ( <b>EXHIBIT C</b> ). Submits and presents a PowerPoint presentation titled Oregon Cougar Management and Research ( <b>EXHIBIT D</b> ).
040	Chair Ringo	Asks if 8,000 is their best estimate for the cougar population.
041	Anglin	Explains that it is the best estimate at this point in time under the current model.
042	Rep. Roblan	Verifies that it is not the current number, but that it is the population that can be maintained in the state.
043	Anglin	Explains that is the estimated number if the population goes unchecked. Explains they currently estimate there are about 5,000 cougars in the state.
046	Anglin	Continues PowerPoint presentation.
095	Chair Ringo	Asks witness to explain damage harvest.
096	Anglin	States it is defined in ORS 498.012. Explains the statute sets out specific criteria for landowners to take cougars without a permit.
102	Chair Ringo	Asks if the landowners can use dogs to kill the cougars.

103	Anglin	Replies yes. Comments that was specifically allowed in Measure 18 (1994). Refers to ORS 498.164. Refers to human safety statutes in ORS 498.166 which identifies conditions when cougars can be taken when they are threatening humans.
108	Chair Ringo	Asks if dogs can be used in those circumstances.
109	Anglin	Replies yes.
110	Rep. P. Smith	Asks witness to explain what it means to use dogs for hunting.
113	Anglin	Discusses hunting cougars with trained dogs.
134	Sen. Bates	Wonders how big the territory is that most cougars occupy.
135	Anglin	Responds.
138	Sen. Bates	Points out that restricting dogs to a property owner's property is meaningless. Remarks the cougars are moving quickly and constantly. Asks if that is correct.
142	Anglin	Explains it is common that by the time a hound can be brought to the site, the cougar has already moved off of the private landowner's property and onto adjacent property or public land. Explains that the two landowner's cannot work together to solve the problem unless the adjacent landowner is also suffering property damage.
147	Sen. Bates	Asks if it is common for a cougar to make rounds through his territory and return to the same area every 10-15 days.
148	Anglin	Comments that cougars roam throughout their territory. Explains there are different conditions which affect how often they cycle through. Remarks cougars are territorial.
151	Rep. Burley	Refers to range of 200 square miles in the Umpqua area. Wonders if it is different in the east side of the state.
154	Anglin	Discusses previous research done.
182	Anglin	Continues PowerPoint presentation.
219	Rep. Roblan	Comments on damage complaints. Asks if there is compensation to landowners for damages done. Inquires as to a funding source and an estimate for a response to a damage complaint.
227	Anglin	Explains there are no compensation funds available for livestock or other animals lost to damage. Explains all costs associated with responding to damage complaints are paid for by licensing dollars. Replies he does not have an estimate for damage complaints. Discusses money given to Wildlife Services each biennium.
243	Rep. P. Smith	Mentions that witness said they receive two or three complaints per day. Wonders if ODFW writes down every complaint or if they determine what registers as a complaint.
250	Anglin	Replies they write down every complaint. Explains they ask specific questions in order to determine whether or not it was a cougar attack. Discusses difficulty with human safety complaints.
278	Rep. P. Smith	Wonders if ODFW decides the validity of a complaint, or if every complaint is taken at face value.
283	Anglin	Explains they begin by taking every complaint at face value. Explains that they do not record it as a complaint if they find it is not a cougar or a damage complaint after questioning or site inspection.
292	Rep. P. Smith	Explains that she receives many calls from people who have complaints or have seen cougars but have not called the ODFW.
299	Anglin	Points out that the ODFW does not relocate cougars. Explains that if a cougar is moved, it is still a damage or safety threat. Discusses unsuccessful attempts to rehabilitate orphaned kittens.

		Discusses research of unsuccessful attempts of relocation of adult cougars.
337	Sen. Bates	Wonders how successful the ODFW is at tracking and killing a cougar when a complaint on a cougar is received.
340	Anglin	Replies it depends on many factors and provides examples.
372	Sen. Nelson	Explains he hears from his constituents that damage is done to wild animals. States there is no way to track that damage. Asks for comments.
384	Anglin	Remarks he will cover that in his presentation.
389	Anglin	Continues PowerPoint presentation.
<b>TAPE 2, A</b>		
001	Anglin	Continues PowerPoint presentation. Discusses a project done by the ODFW using federal dollars. Mentions lawsuit filed against the federal government to stop the project. Discusses the decision made.
009	Chair Ringo	Asks when that decision was.
010	Anglin	Replies 2002. Continues PowerPoint Presentation.
038	Chair Ringo	Asks if witness has a detailed summary of the study that the ODFW intends to do if the bill is re-passed with the –B6 amendments.
041	Anglin	Replies they could probably provide a summary of the predation aspect of the study. Explains it would take a few days to put together a summary on the human safety aspect of the study.
047	Chair Ringo	States that he has been given a list of questions regarding the study. Explains it would make sense to look at a summary in order to answer the questions and then ask follow-up questions. Asks if that is reasonable.
051	Anglin	Replies yes.
052	Chair Ringo	Wonders about the source of money to fund this study. Points out the amendment apportions \$375,000 for the study.
056	Anglin	Explains the ODFW can conduct the predation portion of the study using existing funds. Explains the human safety portion of the study requires \$375,000 per biennium and would take approximately three years to do the work. Believes they would report back during the 2009 legislative session, so the total amount of money would be \$750,000.
069	Chair Ringo	Wonders how big of an area would be used to perform the human safety portion of the study.
071	Anglin	Provides details for the approximate planned location of the human safety study.
078	Chair Ringo	Asks if the animals would be removed for the study.
080	Anglin	Explains how the human safety study would be implemented.
091	Chair Ringo	Verifies that the predation study contemplates removing animals.
092	Anglin	Confirms the predation study would also kill cougars. Explains those study areas are already defined.
093	Chair Ringo	Asks how the cougars would be killed. Asks if there would be hunting tags issued.
094	Anglin	Explains how the predation study would be implemented.
104	Sen. Nelson	Believes there is enough information to make conclusions without having to do further study. Wonders why something cannot be done now.
115	Anglin	Explains reasoning for performing the study.
143	Sen. Nelson	Asks witness to repeat figures provided in testimony.
147	Anglin	Replies 86 out of 104 elk mortalities were due to predation.

150	Sen. Nelson	Explains 72 were due to cougars and 14 were due to bears. Points out that approximately 86% was due to predation. Reiterates question of why a study needs to be done. Conveys the concerns of constituents in his district. Wonders about spending \$375,000 for another study when the facts are already there. Emphasizes there is a predation problem.
166	Sen. Bates	Asks what the normal expected survival rate of calves was in the past when the population of cougars was smaller. Wonders if there was a larger survival rate than there is currently.
169	Anglin	Explains that in portions of northeast Oregon associated with the study area there were between 51 and 65 percent survival of elk calves. States that the current rate is between 26 and 32 percent.
173	Sen. Bates	Verifies there has been a dramatic decrease of calf survival.
175	Anglin	Replies yes. Notes the ODFW did not only look at predation impacts as part of the research. Explains they also looked at nutrition to see if nutrition was causing low survival of the elk calves. Explains the ODFW discovered that nutrition is not playing a role in the survival of elk calves.
181	Chair Ringo	Wonders if there are other factors besides predation by cougars.
182	Anglin	Explains the research currently indicates cougars are the cause of the decline in the population.
184	Rep. P. Smith	Mentions this issue has been addressed in the House this session and last session. Emphasizes that another study is not necessary. Believes this issue needs to be addressed before someone in the state gets hurt by a cougar. Discusses public hearing held in Baker County. Believes there is a problem in Oregon and it needs to be fixed.
196	Rep. Boquist	Submits and discusses testimony from HB 2759 (2005) and HB 2781 (2005) heard at the public hearing in Baker City ( <b>EXHIBIT E</b> ). Asks if the facts given to the committee previously in the submitted testimony are still correct.
217	Anglin	Replies yes.
219	Rep. Roblan	States he wants to ask a series of questions that go back historically. Wonders how quotas were set and met during the period of time before Ballot Measure 18 when ODFW had the full range of management tools which included dogs and hunting.
225	Anglin	Responds. Discusses relation to damage complaints.
254	Rep. Roblan	Comments on Measure 18. Wonders if a number of cougars had been established in the model that was sustainable in Oregon and would keep the damage level down.
260	Anglin	Replies not at that point in time. Explains in detail.
267	Rep. Roblan	Wonders if there are now objectives established that would be the number of cougars that would be sustainable in the state.
270	Anglin	Replies the ODFW is in the process of developing those objectives for the cougar management plan that will be presented to the commission this fall. Explains they will not have a management objective specifically for cougars until that time. Explains the management objectives.
280	Rep. Roblan	Wonders how to set the objectives for the quotas currently.
283	Anglin	Provides background information on the quota system.
293	Rep. Burley	Mentions comments made in testimony regarding maximum number of 8,000 cougars. Asks what witness means by the term "unchecked".
300	Anglin	Explains unchecked means when the population would reach its

		maximum. States it is called density dependence. Explains how it is estimated.
307	Rep. Burley	Points out the population is currently at 5,000. Wonders how long it will be before the population reaches 8,000.
313	Anglin	Explains it is difficult to predict because it is based on natural and human caused annual mortality rates of the young. Comments on previous and current growth rates.
329	Rep. Burley	Believes the ODFW currently has a lot of information. Expresses concerns with attacks/complaints seen in the news. Comments on human safety.
356	Chair Ringo	Comments he is here to gather information. Understands that others have had many hours worth of public hearings on this issue. Wants to hear from the proponents and opponents in order to analyze this issue.
364	Sen. Bates	Relates personal story. Refers to the chart on model of cougar populations. Asks if the chart is reasonably accurate.
382	Anglin	Believes the chart to be reasonably accurate. Explains there is no way to definitively estimate the exact number of cougars.
386	Sen. Bates	Understands. Notes that from 1973 forward, approximately 1,000 cougars are being added to the population each year. Calculates that the population will top out in about five or six years if the carrying capacity for the state is 8,000. Points out there was a slight uptake in the rate of growth for the cougar population when the use of hounds was banned. Comments that the rate of growth does not accelerate, but continues the same curve. Wonders how a decrease in the cougar population would be accomplished if it is determined that the cougar population needs to be decreased. Points out that the last time there was a reduction in the population was in 1963. Explains that it seems that using or not using dogs didn't seem to have much affect on the growth rate.
421	Anglin	Provides background information on the cougar population. Replies the ODFW would reduce the cougar population by killing cougars in some manner. Believes the most effective way to kill cougars is through the use of dogs.

**TAPE 1, B**

010	Sen. Bates	Asks if there are any other restrictions on hunting cougars besides using dogs.
013	Anglin	Explains the cougar hunting season.
018	Sen. Bates	Wonders if having a year round hunting season and no other restrictions besides the use of dogs would lower the population.
021	Anglin	Replies no. Provides an explanation.
025	Sen. Bates	Asks if using predator calls is ineffective.
026	Anglin	Remarks it has been somewhat effective. Relates experiences of hunters using calls. Details when using predator calls is most effective.
036	Sen. Bates	Wonders about using bait to hunt cougars.
037	Anglin	Comments cougars do not respond to bait.
043	Rep. Boquist	Wonders when the ODFW last responded to a human safety complaint.
045	Anglin	Responds.
050	Rep. Boquist	Inquires if the ODFW investigated the complaint in Seaside.
051	Anglin	Reports the state police investigated the complaint in Seaside.
053	Chair Ringo	Thanks witnesses for their testimony. Asks witnesses to provide

detailed information on the proposed studies to the committee members.

062 Andrew Wile Resident, Seaside. Introduces himself.

069 Chair Ringo Asks witness to tell the committee what happened.

070 A. Wile Relates personal story.

073 Chair Ringo Asks if he has some scratches.

074 A. Wile Replies yes.

075 Lina Wile Mother of Andrew Wile. States he did not receive scratches, they were marks. Notes he did not get bitten.

076 A. Wile States they were practically scratches.

077 L. Wile Believes the cougar was not attacking him.

078 Chair Ringo Asks if there is anything else A. Wile would like to tell the committee.

079 A. Wile Replies no.

080 Rep. Boquist Inquires what the area surrounding their house is.

082 A. Wile Replies there is a forest in his back yard.

083 Chair Ringo Verifies that he is from Seaside.

084 A. Wile Replies yes.

085 Chair Ringo Asks if it was a big cat.

086 A. Wile Replies yes. Explains it would probably be about the size of a doorway if it stood up on two legs.

088 L. Wile Comments on the validity of the cougar sighting.

099 Andrew Wile, Sr. Father of Andrew Wile. Introduces himself.

100 L. Wile States that A. Wile, Sr. was home when their son came in and said he got attacked by a cougar. Explains that is how he stated it at first.

103 A. Wile, Sr. Relates personal story. Comments on the need for options other than performing a study on human safety.

115 L. Wile Comments on adjustments made in their neighborhood in order to avoid cougar encounters. Makes comments regarding deer in their area.

131 Rep. P. Smith Thanks witnesses for driving from Seaside. States they heard testimony last session about a boy who was attacked in Spokane, Washington.

146 Ron Harder Citizen. Provides background information on cougar hunting licenses. Responds to Sen. Bates' question.

167 Paul Phillips Safari Club International. Expresses opposition to the -1 amendments. Testifies in support of the B-engrossed bill. Submits written testimony (**EXHIBIT F**).

182 Dennis Reynolds Grant County Judge. Relates personal experiences with cougars. Relates cougar sighting reports in his community.

280 Reynolds Continues relating cougar sighting reports in his community.

315 Reynolds Relates observations with regards to the cougar population.

326 Reynolds Testifies in support of the B-engrossed version of SB 389.

364 Al Elkins Oregon Hunters Association. Explains the ODFW has received signed petitions from Grant County residents that state belief that there are too many cougars. Discusses recent cougar sightings documented in Grant County. Comments on the desire to keep the population of deer and elk at a higher level due to the economic impact.

383 Rep. Boquist Believes there were four or five county commissioners who testified in Baker City. Inquires if the county would absorb the cost of an election if there was a petition from electors in the county under the original law.

393	Reynolds	Replies yes. Explains Measure 18 did not carry in those five counties.
411	Chair Ringo	The committee stands at ease.
417	Chair Ringo	Calls the committee back to order.
418	Scott Beckstead	Mayor, Waldport. Relates personal experiences with cougars in his area. Comments on Measure 18 and Measure 34 (1996). Comments on validity of cougar sightings/attacks.
<b>TAPE 2, B</b>		
001	Beckstead	Testifies in opposition to SB 389B.
039	Chair Ringo	Verifies that witness believes that using radio-collared dogs to hunt cougars is unsportsmanlike and cruel.
045	Beckstead	Replies yes.
046	Chair Ringo	Asks why witness believes this is cruel. Inquires about difference between general hunting and the use of dogs in hunting.
048	Beckstead	Responds.
067	Chair Ringo	Mentions that the ODFW testified that bait and wandering through the woods were not effective. Believes the conclusion is that using dogs is necessary if there is an overpopulation of cougars.
072	Beckstead	Believes that ODFW has not considered all of the alternatives.
073	Chair Ringo	Wonders what the alternatives are.
074	Beckstead	Discusses increasing the length of the hunting season.
078	Chair Ringo	Confirms one option is to increase the length of the hunting season. Asks if there are any other options that would be effective in reducing cougar populations.
080	Beckstead	Believes hunters are getting better at hunting cougars. Explains in detail. Remarks the voters have spoken on this particular issue.
098	Chair Ringo	Makes comments.
101	Sen. Nelson	Remarks on cruelty to animals.
108	Beckstead	Appreciates comments. Responds to Sen. Nelson's remarks.
115	Rep. Boquist	Comments on an increase in the length of the hunting season.
124	Beckstead	Emphasizes he is not a biologist. Remarks that if there is a problem, the issue should be addressed on the ballot.
129	Rep. Roblan	Discusses the number of counties that voted and did not vote for Measure 18 or Measure 34. Refers to submitted material. Asks witness to comment.
140	Beckstead	Responds.
162	Rep. Boquist	Remarks state wildlife is presently managed. Relates personal experiences with cougars. Expresses support for SB 389B. States that he does not hunt. Remarks on ethical issues. Believes some of the testimony to be marginal.
192	Beckstead	Appreciates Rep. Boquist's comments. States that if there are any animals causing problems, they should be taken care of under the law. Believes the individual problems will not be solved by allowing the use of hounds. Believes it will not have any impact. Suggests that cougar biologists will say it would have an adverse affect. Explains in detail.
217	Chair Ringo	Asks if there are any of the mentioned biologists in the room.
218	Beckstead	Replies he does not know.
224	Sen. Bates	States that he wants to refocus this discussion. Remarks this is not about trophy hunting or hunting of cougars, but is about public safety. Adds that it is about the divide between rural and urban areas. Relates particular concerns and questions regarding controlling the population of cougars.

234	Sally Mackel	Sierra Club of Oregon. Points out Oregon is a rural state.
243	Chair Ringo	Recesses the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and the committee stands at ease. Calls the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.
244	Chair Ringo	Asks Ms. Mackel where she is from.
248	Mackel	Replies Jackson County.
250	Mackel	Discusses creating a balance between protecting wildlife and human safety. Suggests committee look to science to answer the questions that are before the committee. Explains opposition to the –A5 amendments. Provides statistics from Dr. Paul Beier.
279	Chair Ringo	Verifies the statistics are from Paul Beier.
280	Mackel	Confirms this.
281	Chair Ringo	Asks who he is.
282	Mackel	Replies he is the leading authority on cougar/human conflicts.
283	Chair Ringo	Asks where he lives.
284	Mackel	Explains most of his studies were done in California, but he lives in Arizona.
285	Chair Ringo	Asks if he can be contacted by phone.
286	Mackel	Replies that if not, then Rick Hopkins can be contacted by phone. Explains he is another well known and well researched cougar biologist. Continues testimony in opposition to using hounds to hunt cougars.
303	Chair Ringo	Asks if witness has an excerpt from Beier’s analysis.
304	Mackel	Replies yes. Submits informational packet ( <b>EXHIBIT G</b> ). Testifies in opposition to the –A5 amendments.
313	Rep. P. Smith	Mentions witness keeps referring to the -A5 amendments. States those were defeated in the Senate and that is why they are in conference committee.
316	Chair Ringo	Replies correct. Discusses purposes for holding a public hearing on this issue.
325	Mackel	Explains she will continue talking about it because the –A5 amendments bring back the concept of using hounds to hunt cougars. Continues testimony in opposition to the –A5 amendments.
335	Chair Ringo	Reminds witness this hearing is about cougars.
339	Mackel	Discusses cougar management changes. Discusses using hounds to hunt cougars for sport. Refers to quotes given by Paul Beier in the submitted testimony. Continues testimony regarding opposition to using hounds to hunt cougars.
384	Mackel	Discusses opposition to further study of cougars addressed in the –B6 amendments.
436	Mackel	Explains portion of –B6 amendments which the Safari Club can support.
<b>TAPE 3, A</b>		
012	Mackel	Comments on the process of receiving and logging complaints.
054	Noah Greenwald	Conservation Biologist, Center for Biological Diversity. Provides information on his background. Remarks on the –B6 amendments. Discusses the standard method for a population density study. Mentions testimony made by ODFW on the ongoing study in northeast Oregon. Believes conclusions made are premature. Comments that it was not clear if the number of calves being killed was the limiting factor for the elk population.
082	Chair Ringo	Says he asked if there were any other factors and that the ODFW believed there were not.
086	Greenwald	Discusses different factors in population trend.



110	Greenwald	Discusses Dr. Paul Beier's work. Suggests the committee contact Dr. Beier. Provides information on Dr. Beier's background.
140	Greenwald	Discusses elk populations and predator/prey relationships. Expresses belief that it is not necessary to kill cougars in order to save elk.
152	Chair Ringo	Verifies that witness does not dispute whether the lion population influences the elk population.
153	Greenwald	Confirms this. States that whether or not it is influencing it in a negative way is another question. Believes that would be hard to show. Discusses deer populations in other parts of the country.
167	Catherine Koehn	Retired Teacher. Past Director, Northwest Cougar Action Trust. Resident, rural Lane County. Testifies in opposition to allowing the use of hounds to hunt cougars.
250	Koehn	Continues testimony.
335	Brenna Bell	Resident, Portland. Explains she was an attorney on the case that Mr. Anglin mentioned in his testimony. Explains the lawsuit brought against the ODFW study. Notes the testimony at today's hearing has been regarding the general approach to cougar management. Discusses the results of approving the –B6 amendments. Submits and discusses newspaper articles <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b> .
<b>TAPE 4, A</b>		
011	Chair Ringo	Points out the study was found to be illegal because ODFW was using federal dollars and that required them to meet certain requirements. States it was illegal in that sense, it doesn't mean it was a bad idea.
013	Bell	Clarifies the judge said there was not enough information to determine what the impact would be. Discusses other dangers presented in everyday life.
029	Amy Atwood	Resident, Eugene. Environmental Attorney. Discusses cougars in the state of Oregon. Discusses the logic of the arguments that have been presented in testimony today.
054	Barbara Wilson	Resident, Beaverton. Comments on testimony of Andrew Wile. Comments on testimony of Dennis Reynolds. Notes there were no attacks in all of those encounters. Relates personal experience with cougars. Wonders what the human annual mortality rate is from cougars.
085	Sen. Nelson	Replies 16 in the last 120 years.
086	Wilson	Wonders if that is in Oregon.
087	Sen. Nelson	Replies he does not know.
088	Wilson	Comments on Measure 18.
105	Sen. Bates	Asks if ODFW believes they have sufficient information in certain areas of Oregon to determine what an appropriate size is for the cougar population. Wonders if ODFW needs more information before they can make those recommendations.
111	Anglin	Explains they have information for certain areas to make those recommendations. Discusses the process of the adoption of management objectives.
120	Chair Ringo	Wonders about comments made that hunters only hunt large, mature males and leave the juveniles which generally cause the problems.
123	Anglin	Provides background information on the hunting of cougars.
131	Chair Ringo	Wonders if the hunting of the mature males would have a noticeable improvement on public safety if hunting using dogs

		was to be reinstated.
135	Anglin	Responds.
141	Chair Ringo	Wonders if the male and female cougars would be harvested equally if hunting were reinstated.
144	Anglin	Believes initially a large proportion of females would be hunted along with males. Believes over time males would be harvested more.
149	Chair Ringo	Asks if witness believes Dr. Paul Beier is a reputable scientist.
150	Anglin	Replies yes. Explains connections with Dr. Paul Beier.
153	Rep. Roblan	Remarks this bill would only add one more way to hunt. Asks question regarding territory.
162	Anglin	Responds.
167	Rep. Burley	Discusses figures in submitted material. Comments on using dogs to hunt cougars. Believes most of the hunting of cougars that occurs currently is purely coincidental. Asks if there was an attack during the last hunting season.
208	Anglin	Replies there was an individual in the John Day area that appeared to be attacked by a cougar. Explains the state police and the ODFW both investigated the incident and found no reason to believe that he was not attacked by a cougar. Adds that it was not 100% conclusive, but it appeared that he was.
217	Sen. Bates	Mentions that witness said they had enough information in certain areas of the state to determine appropriate population of cougars in that area. Wonders if the ODFW would be able to then set the amount of harvest and achieve that harvest in the specified area without the use of dogs.
229	Anglin	Replies they could set the harvest level. Explains they would attempt to use the legal hunting methods in order to bring the population down to the determined population level. Replies it is doubtful they would be successful in achieving that level.
239	Sen. Bates	Verifies they wouldn't be able to achieve the population level unless they used dogs.
240	Anglin	Replies that without the use of dogs it is doubtful they would be able to achieve the determined population level.
241	Sen. Bates	States his position on this issue.
272	Sen. Nelson	Comments on general elections.
287	Rep. P. Smith	Asks Chair Ringo to consider the –B7 amendments. Submits informational packet <b>(EXHIBIT I)</b> .
290	Rep. Boquist	Submits and explains the –B7 amendments <b>(EXHIBIT J)</b> . Mentions HB 2759 (2005).
335	Rep. Boquist	Submits and summarizes article from the Molalla Pioneer <b>(EXHIBIT K)</b> .
356	Chair Ringo	Thanks everyone for their testimony. Makes closing remarks. Closes the work session on SB 389B and adjourns the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

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