

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE

March 09, 2005
3:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 39 - 40

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Jason Atkinson, Vice-Chair
Sen. Roger Beyer
Sen. Frank Shields

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Charlie Ringo, Chair
Sen. Ginny Burdick

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

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
Oregon's Ocean – Informational Meeting
SB 354 – Public Hearing

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
TAPE 39, A		
005	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Calls meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. Opens informational meeting on Oregon's Ocean.
<u>OREGON'S OCEAN – INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
010	Carolyn Waldron	Director, Oregon Ocean. Submits informational packet on Oregon's Ocean (EXHIBIT A). Introduces video presentation.
090-400		Video presentation: "Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean" (EXHIBIT B).
TAPE 40, A		
001		Continuation of video presentation: "Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean" (EXHIBIT B).
080	Waldron	States three panelists were invited today. Introduces panelists.
100	Terry Thompson	Lincoln County Commission. States that they are here to answer questions.
105	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks Mark Hixon if sites for marine reserves are mapped and identified along the Oregon coast.
115	Dr. Mark Hixon	Professor, Oregon State University. States that there has been no identification of marine reserves yet. Discusses mapping of sea floor habitats. Submits a fact sheet (EXHIBIT C).
120	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks what else needs to be done to identify areas for marine reserves.
123	Hixon	Explains what would need to be done. States that the question is what the goals of the reserves are. Gives examples of goals.
133	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks question about federal funding in relation to mapping.
135	Hixon	Discusses funding.
140	Sen. Shields	Asks Mr. Thompson about his position on marine reserves.
145	Thompson	Discusses position on marine reserves.
156	Sen. Shields	Asks if these reserves would be inside state or federal territory.
160	Thompson	Discusses what could be considered by the state legislature.

165	Hixon	Says that it makes sense to have reserves integrated between state and federal waters. Explains why.
175	Thompson	Discusses research necessary.
190	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks Mr. Hixon about difference between protecting a single species and a habitat.
200	Hixon	Discusses intent of marine reserves. Discusses maintenance of marine reserves.
215	Sen. Shields	Discusses personal experience regarding the Gulf of Mexico. Asks about creating marine reserves inside state territory only. Asks what can be learned from the marine reserves created off the New England and Florida coasts.
240	Thompson	Discusses what has been learned from other marine reserves.
257	Sen. Shields	States that a lot of common-sense old fishermen are involved in the process.
265	Rep. Carolyn Tomei	Represents House District 41. Asks if there are any marine reserves in Oregon.
270	Hixon	States that there is officially one in Oregon. Explains.
275	Rep. Tomei	Asks how the marine reserves in Puget Sound and on the East Coast are funded.
277	Hixon	Explains funding. Addresses Sen. Shield's previous question about what has been learned from other reserves.
300	Rep. Tomei	Verifies that marine reserves might be needed in several different places.
305	Hixon	Confirms this.
306	Rep. Tomei	Refers to bottom-trolling mentioned in the video. Asks if bottom-trolling is allowed all over the state.
308	Thompson	Discusses bottom-trolling.
333	Rep. Tomei	Verifies that bottom-trolling is not allowed close to the Oregon shore.
335	Thompson	Clarifies.
347	Paul Engelmeyer	National Audubon Society. Discusses Goal 19. Discusses protecting marine biodiversity.
377	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Mentions issue of duck habitat that was brought up in the video. Asks witness to make comment about bird species on the coast.
384	Engelmeyer	Explains.
400	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks Mr. Hixon how far apart marine reserves are spaced.
405	Hixon	Discusses location of marine reserves.
TAPE 39, B		
009	Thompson	Discusses location of marine reserves.
020	Hixon	Refers to existing studies of marine reserves.
035	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Closes informational meeting and opens public hearing on SB 354.
<u>SB 354 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
040	Sen. David Nelson	Represents Senate District 29. Introduces Ross Seyfried.
060	Ross Seyfried	Resident, Union County. Presents photographs from CD (EXHIBIT D) .
078	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks if witness took the photographs presented.
080	Seyfried	Replies yes.
081	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Says that they are beautiful.
082	Seyfried	Testifies in support of SB 354. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT E) .
135	Sen. Beyer	Asks about specific details in Section 3 of SB 354. Asks about 5,000 acres.
145	Seyfried	Explains.

152	Sen. Beyer	Asks approximately how many ranches would be in 5,000 acres or larger in Union County.
155	Seyfried	States that he does not know that information. Gives additional details.
162	Sen. Beyer	Asks about Union County.
165	Sen. Nelson	States that it is La Grande.
167	Sen. Beyer	Asks question about Section 4 of SB 354.
170	Seyfried	Explains.
188	Sen. Beyer	Verifies that the number of antler and antler-less tags have to be equal.
190	Seyfried	Replies not necessarily. Explains.
200	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Asks witness to stay around in case there are more questions.
205	John Lamoreau	Union County Commissioner. Testifies in support of SB 354. Discusses similar program in Colorado.
245	Sen. Beyer	Asks how many parcels in Union County would be 5,000 acres or larger.
246	Lamoreau	Guesses about 20.
250	Sen. Shields	Asks if there could be more than 20 if the aggregation principle discussed earlier was applied.
251	Lamoreau	Replies yes. Explains.
260	Roy Elicker	Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). States that there are 16 parcels in Union County that are 5,000 acres or larger. Discusses SB 354.
320	Ron Anglin	Wildlife Division Administrator, ODFW. Submits and highlights written testimony (EXHIBIT F).
415	Sen. Shields	Asks what other states have done about animals wandering off to adjacent properties and creating damage.
420	Anglin	States that Colorado did not address this issue.
445	Anglin	Continues highlighting written testimony (EXHIBIT F).
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001	Anglin	Continues highlighting written testimony (EXHIBIT F).
033	Sen. Shields	Asks if Mr. Elicker has talked to Sen. Nelson about SB 354.
035	Elicker	Replies no, not directly.
036	Sen. Shields	Suggests that Mr. Elicker talk to Sen. Nelson about the ODFW's concerns.
045	Elicker	States that the ODFW will work with Union County on a pilot program. Expresses uncertainty that this will be a good program for the state of Oregon.
048	Sen. Shields	Explains that this is the reason a pilot program is implemented.
050	Elicker	Agrees. Expresses willingness to return to the committee with recommendations.
055	Sen. Shields	States that he has a meeting and so he needs to excuse himself.
056	Sen. Beyer	Agrees with Sen. Shield's comments. Discusses potential concerns with program. Wonders if there is still some money that has not been spent for access and habitat.
066	Elicker	Responds yes and explains.
071	Sen. Beyer	States that he was asking for an update on access and habitat. Wonders why the money isn't being used to get more access.
074	Anglin	States that there is money available within the program.

090	Sen. Beyer	Describes efforts by the ODFW to expand access. Discusses potential issues with SB 354. States that he would like to see these issues worked out.
105	Al Elkins	Oregon Hunters Association. Testifies in opposition to SB 354. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT G). States that he has talked with Sen. Nelson generally about opposition but not specifically.
135	Sen. Beyer	Sees SB 354 as an opportunity to open up lands to the public. Discusses Sherman County.
155	Vice-Chair Atkinson	Verifies that Sen. Nelson will help work out these issues. Closes public hearing on SB 354 and adjourns meeting at 4:42 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. Oregon's Ocean, informational packet, Carolyn Waldron, 61 pp**
- B. Oregon's Ocean, videotape, Carolyn Waldron, videotape**
- C. Oregon's Ocean, fact sheet, Mark Hixon, 4 pp**
- D. SB 354, pictures, Ross Seyfried, CD**
- E. SB 354, written testimony, Ross Seyfried, 2 pp**
- F. SB 354, written testimony, Ron Anglin, 2 pp**
- G. SB 354, written testimony, Al Elkins, 2 pp**