

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER

February 4, 2003 Hearing Room B
8:30 A.M. Tapes 12 – 14

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Bob Jenson, Chair
 Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Jeff Kropf, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Linda Flores
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Mike Schaufler
 Rep. Carolyn Tomei

STAFF PRESENT: Pete Test, Administrator
 Mike Reiley, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting – Oregon Plan Overview

- I. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)**
 - Chuck Craig, Deputy Director
 - Ray Jaindl, Asst. Admin., Natural Resource Division

- II. Liaisons to the Legislature**
 - Healthy Streams Partnership
 - Tracy Bosen, Co-Chair
 - Salmon Recovery Task Force
 - Bob Jacobson, Chairman
 - Ed Bowles, Fish Division Director, ODFW

- III. Implementing Organizations**
 - Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD)
 - John MacDonald, Executive Director, Oregon Assoc. of Conservation Districts
 - Watershed Councils
 - Tracy Bosen, Coordinator, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council
 - Rennie Ferris, Treasurer, Mid-Coast Watershed Council & Lincoln Co. SWCD

- IV. Stakeholder Organizations**
 - Oregon Forest Industry Council
 - Ray Wilkeson, Legislative Director
 - Oregon Trout
 - Aubrey Russell, Associated Director of Law and Policy
 - Oregon Farm Bureau
 - Jean Underhill-Wilkenson, Associated Director of Governmental Affairs

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 12, A 004	Chair Jenson	Calls meeting to order at 8:34 am.

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	Pete Test	Explains agenda for meeting.
	Chair Jenson	Opens informational meeting.
	Chuck Craig	Deputy Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). Submits and summarizes presentation of ODA's role in Oregon Plan (EXHIBIT A).
128	Rep. Kruse	Asks for clarification of SB 1010 implementation.
132	Craig	Clarifies implementation.
148	Rep. Kruse	Asks for further clarification of implementation.
157	Craig	Offers further clarification regarding implementation.
170	Chair Jenson	Asks about possibilities for circumventing SB 1010 objectives.
178	Craig	Explains SB 1010 objectives.
192	Chair Jenson	Asks for additional clarification regarding implementation flexibility.
204	Rep. Kruse	Asks about issues raised regarding SB 1010 implementation.
216	Craig	Explains that alternative mechanisms are provided for. Continues presentation.
243	Rep. Kruse	Asks how tribal lands are managed.
245	Ray Jaendl	Assistant Administrator, Natural Resource Division, ODA. Explains how tribal lands operate and are managed.
250	Rep. Kruse	Expresses concern regarding how tribal lands are managed.
257	Craig	Continues presentation.
323	Rep. Kruse	Asks about Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) and complaints.
325	Craig	Clarifies CAFO and complaints. Continues presentation.
363	Chair Jenson	Asks about federal partnership regarding noxious weed control.
370	Craig	Explains federal noxious weed management.
378	Chair Jenson	Notes significant amount of federal land in Oregon, emphasizes importance of noxious weed control.
394	Craig	Further clarifies relationship to federal government regarding weed control.
404	Rep. Tomei	Asks about problem of Japanese Mountain weed.
407	Craig	Responds that he is unsure.
413	Rep. Kruse	Asks how many counties have

417	Craig	viable weed control programs. Responds approximately fifteen. Offers clarification of weed control programs.
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006	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about efforts to keep noxious weeds out of Oregon.
008	Craig	Explains efforts to keep weeds out. Concludes presentation.
048	Ray Wilkeson	Legislative Director, Oregon Forest Industries Council (OFIC). Offers brief history of OFIC and explains relationship to Oregon Plan.
213	Tracy Bosen	Co-Chair, Healthy Streams Partnership (HSP). Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding relationship of HSP to Oregon Plan (EXHIBIT B).
370	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about coordination of HSP and forest industries.
377	Bosen	Explains relationship between HSP and forest industries. Concludes presentation.
TAPE 12, B		
004	Bob Jacobson	Chairman, Salmon Recovery Task Force. Submits and explains Summary of the Task Force on Salmon Recovery (EXHIBIT C).
067	Rep. Kruse	Asks about National Marine Fisheries Service matrix regarding salmon.
079	Ed Bowles	Director, Fish Division Administrator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Explains management techniques.
092	Rep. Kruse	Expresses concern about management techniques.
105	Bowles	Explains efforts to better develop management techniques.
117	Rep. Kruse	Expresses additional concern about management constructs.
134	Chair Jenson	Discusses work done on Oregon Plan.
166	John MacDonald	Executive Director, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony (EXHIBIT D).
257	Rep. Tomei	Asks for clarification of information.
260	MacDonald	Clarifies information. Continues summary.
432	Rep. Kropf	Describes work done on bill from 2001 session. Asks how it coordinates with riparian statutes.

466	MacDonald	States that he will obtain information. Explains work done.
492	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks about coordination with Washington regarding Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) program.
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037	MacDonald	Explains Washington's work with CRP.
055	Chair Jenson	Expresses importance of implementation of CRP program with federal agencies.
087	Rennie Ferris	Treasurer, Mid-Coast Watershed Council & Lincoln County Soil & Water Conservation District. Explains relationship to Oregon Plan.
171	Tracy Bosen	Coordinator, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council. Explains relationship to Oregon Plan.
217	Rep. Schaufler	Asks if salmon population in Umatilla basin is sustainable.
220	Bosen	Responds yes. Concludes summary.
270	Ferris	Emphasizes importance of weeds and Mid-Coast Watersheds Council 2001-2002 Annual Report (EXHIBIT E) .
287	Joe Whitworth	Executive Director, Oregon Trout. Submits and summarizes prepared testimony regarding relationship of Oregon Trout to Oregon Plan (EXHIBIT F) .
TAPE 14, A		
044	Jean Underhill-Wilkenson	Associate Director of Governmental Affairs, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB). Offers brief history of OFB and explains relationship to Oregon Plan.
129	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about extent and potential of no-till farming.
136	Underhill-Wilkenson	Explains future of no-till farming.
150	Rep. Kropf	Provides additional information about various farming techniques.
176	Underhill-Wilkenson	Concurs. Offers additional explanation.
185	Rep. Dingfelder	Asks about OFB staffing regarding project implementation.
191	Underhill-Wilkenson	Explains extent of OFB staffing.
202	Rep. Schaufler	Asks about incentives and assistance for farming.
206	Underhill-Wilkenson	Explains incentive programs for farming.
235	Chair Jenson	Discusses future plans for Oregon

Plan. Adjourns meeting at 10:41
am.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A – Informational, prepared information, Chuck Craig, 7 pp**
- B – Informational, prepared information, Tracy Bosen, OVERSIZED EXHIBIT (see archives)**
- C – Informational, prepared information, Bob Jacobson, 13 pp**
- D – Informational, prepared information, John MacDonald, 15 pp**
- E – Informational, 2001-02 Annual Report, Rennie Ferris, 20 pp**
- F – Informational, prepared information, Joe Whitworth, 3 pp**