

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 22, 2003 Hearing Room B
8:30 am Tapes 1 - 2

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Frank Shields, Chair**
 Sen. Roger Beyer, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Tony Corcoran
 Sen. Bill Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: **Judith Callens, Administrator**
 Megan Jensen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Organizational Meeting**
 Member introductions
 Adoption of committee rules
 Informational Meeting
 Governor's Natural Resources Agenda overview
 Department of Fish and Wildlife overview

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 1, A		
005	Chair Shields	Calls meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Opens organizational meeting.
<u>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING</u>		
010	Chair Shields	Introduces members.
012	Sen. Fisher	District 23. Introduces self.
037	Sen. Corcoran	District 4. Introduces self.
043	Sen. Beyer	District 9. Introduces self.
054	Chair Shields	District 24. Introduces self. Provides overview of committee work plan.
093	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Introduces self. Introduces staff.
141	Callens	Provides overview of committee propose rules (EXHIBIT A).
182	Sen. Fisher	Clarifies minority report requirements.
186	Callens	Responds.
190	Sen. Beyer	MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/22/03.
192	Sen. Beyer	Clarifies Rule 9.
193	Chair Shields	Clarifies tape log procedure.
195		VOTE: 4-0
	Chair Shields	Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Governor's Natural Resources Agenda overview

226	Jim Brown	Governor's Natural Resources Advisor. Provides overview of Governor's Natural Resource agenda (EXHIBIT B): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permitting process• Land use• Federal government interaction• Water supply• Environmental protection laws and conservation strategy• Section 404 assumption and mine reclamation• Current bills to clarify current policies and provide funding• Budget balancing• Economic Action Plan from each agency for jobs and environment
392	Chair Shields	Asks about timeline for Economic Action Plan.
396	Brown	Responds.
412	Chair Shields	Inquires about federal government interaction and forest practices.

TAPE 2, A

002	Brown	Responds.
045	Sen. Fisher	Comments on timber supply.
052	Brown	Responds.
058	Chair Shields	Inquires about Governor's consideration of water supply issues and energy with population growth.
068	Brown	Responds.
072	Chair Shields	Asks about geographical breakdown.
076	Brown	Explains.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) overview

086	Lindsay Ball	ODFW Director. Gives overview of ODFW operations. Provides written testimony (EXHIBIT C). Discusses legislative agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fee increases for hunting and fishing licenses• Repeal sunset on fee surcharges for Wildlife Access and Habitat Program• Extend surcharge on angling license fee to fund Fish Restoration and Enhancement Program• Hunting from aircraft
230	Sen. Corcoran	Asks about origins of bovine tuberculosis in elk herds.
234	Ball	Responds. Discusses placement of explosives in waters.
270	Sen. Fisher	Clarifies number of permits issued.
272	Ball	Responds.
279	Ball	Discusses additional issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of Oregon Salmon Hatchery Research Center• Dispersal of wolves into Oregon from Idaho
350	Ball	Continues discussing wolf management.

TAPE 1, B

023	Sen. Corcoran	Asks ODFW to provide information and rules to help clarify issues as
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the session continues.

028 Ball Responds with further discussion of wolf management issues.

058 Sen. Fisher Inquires about the legal right to dispatch wolves which prey on livestock.

085 Ball Responds and clarifies.

112 Sen. Fisher Asks about available funding to remove unwanted wolves.

114 Ball Explains.

134 Sen. Fisher Inquires about increasing fees on hunting licenses and the total number of people who buy them.

142 Ball Offers to return with ODFW statistics.

147 Sen. Fisher Questions surcharge fees.

158 Ball Clarifies surcharge fees.

160 Sen. Fisher Further questions whether high surcharge fees are appropriate for a small group of people.

170 Ball Explains surcharge fees.

175 Sen. Fisher Expresses concern.

191 Ball Discusses economic impact to Oregon and revenue amounts generated by hunters, anglers and wildlife viewing activities.

223 Sen. Fisher Questions hunting surcharges for disabled veterans.

228 Ball Responds that disabled veterans get a free license and defers issue for further discussion.

237 Sen. Beyer Inquires about location of private lands open to public.

246 Ball Responds that most private lands are located in western Oregon.

260 Sen. Beyer Questions reseeding of private lands burned in forest fires.

266 Ball Responds.

275 Sen. Beyer Inquires about whether private land owners know about assistance for reseeding.

277 Ball Describes ODFW attempts to get the information to the private land owners.

298 Sen. Beyer Inquires about what happens to private land owners who don't know about government assistance.

300 Ball Offers to provide information at a later date.

304 Sen. Beyer Inquires about potential bills licensing shellfish harvesting.

309 Ball Responds that ODFW will not propose a shellfish harvesting license bill and further clarifies.

355 Chair Shields Questions whether current budget will help ODFW towards sustaining hatcheries.

372 Ball Explains that Governor's budget would maintain all current service levels with ODFW.

389 Sen. Fisher Asks what Washington charges for shellfish licenses.

394 Ball Responds.

404 Sen. Fisher Asks for the total number of people buying licenses and asks for breakdown.

413 Ball Responds that ODFW will provide the information. Summarizes and concludes.

452 Sen. Shields Closing comments. Closes informational meeting. Adjourns meeting at

10:00 a.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Proposed Committee Rules, staff, 3 pp

B – Governor’s Natural Resources Agenda, written testimony, Jim Brown, 4 pp

C – ODFW, 2003 Legislative Concepts, Lindsay Ball, 6 pp