

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

February 05, 2003  
8:00 AM

Hearing Room C  
Tapes 19-20

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**      **Sen. Rick Metsger, Chair**  
   **Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair**  
   **Sen. Ryan Deckert**  
   **Sen. David Nelson**

**STAFF PRESENT:**            **Amy Joyce, Committee Administrator**  
   **Annastasia Suess, Committee Assistant**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 180 - Work Session**  
   **Informational meeting - Invited testimony on the Columbia River water use**  
   **for irrigation and industry**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
<b><u>TAPE 19, A</u></b>		
002	Chair Metsger	Calls the committee to order at 8:02 a.m. and opens an informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
040	Sen. Nelson	Explains the reason he has invited testimony on Columbia River water use.
050	Chair Metsger	Closes informational meeting with intent to re-open, and opens work session on SB 180.
<b><u>SB 180 - WORK SESSION</u></b>		
060	Monica Brown	Legislative Fiscal Office. Explains the purpose of the bill.
062	Vice Chair B. Starr	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 180-2 amendments dated 2/3/03.</b>
065		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
	Chair Metsger	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
070	Vice Chair B. Starr	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 180 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
075		<b>VOTE: 3-1</b> <b>AYE:        3 - Sen. Deckert, Sen. Metsger, Sen. Starr</b> <b>NAY:        1 - Sen. Nelson</b>
092	Chair Metsger	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b> <b>SEN. METSGER will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
095	Chair Metsger	Submits a packet of testimony of constituent cities. <b>(EXHIBIT A).</b>
099	Chair Metsger	<b>MOTION: Moves that the SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL to the committee on Joint Ways and Means BE RESCINDED.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 4-0</b>
100	Chair Metsger	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
110	Chair Metsger	Closes work session and re-opens an informational meeting.
<b><u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u></b>		
115	Paul Cleary	Water Resources Department. Begins discussion on Columbia River's current water rights. Provides written testimony <b>(EXHIBITS B, C).</b>
175	Cleary	Continues discussion on water rights:

- Current irrigation rights
- Geographical and physical access to the main-stem
- Salmon runs
- Current surface water rights

315 Sen. Ted Ferrioli District 30. Provides testimony of concerns on water usage along the Columbia:

- 400 Sen. Ferrioli
- Sustainability of Oregon agriculture
  - Sustainability of transport capacity
  - Sustainability of irrigated agriculture

**TAPE 20, A**

030 Chair Metsger Comments on testimony.  
 035 Vice Chair B. Starr Asks about water temperature changes myth.  
 040 Sen. Ferrioli Answers and provides clarification on surface cooling of waters.  
 050 Bob Levy Governor Kulongoski's Transition team. Begins discussion on Columbia River water availability. Provides written testimony

100 Levy Continues discussion on Columbia River water availability

- Background
- Recommended actions
- Tri-city Herald articles

160 Darryll Olsen, PhD Pacific Northwest Project, Regional Planner/Resource Economist. Begins discussion on Columbia River water management. Provides slide show material **(EXHIBIT E)**.

200 Olsen Continues discussion on water management:

- Flow targets on the Columbia River Basin
- Survival rates for juvenile Spring Chinook release groups
- 2001 water conditions at the McNary Dam

**TAPE 19, B**

020 Olsen Continues discussion on water management:

- Economic benefits
- Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association (CSRIA) vs. Washington State Department of Ecology (WADOE) litigation
- Northwest Power Planning Council

125 Sen. Nelson Asks what the cost is to the state.

130 Olsen Answers.

140 Sen. Deckert Asks what the circumstances of the Klamath water fish deaths were in regards to California.

155 Olsen Answers.

165 Sen. Deckert Comments on the need to view each circumstance separately.

175 Olsen Agrees, and provides further comment on water temperatures and habitats.

180 Sen. Nelson Asks about the differences in using 10-acre feet of water versus 3 feet, and why it changed.

185 Levy Answers and elaborates.

210 Sen. Deckert Asks what percentage would qualify as efficient.

215 Levy Answers and elaborates.

225 Chair Metsger Asks if there is a comparison of water irrigation acres on the south side versus the north side of the basin.

235 Levy Answers.

240	Olsen	Elaborates.
255	Gary Neal	Manager of the Port of Morrow. Provides testimony on economic component to the Columbia water usage.
	Neal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describes Port of Morrow duties</li> <li>• Cites a 1997 study on alternative water supply</li> <li>• Critical ground water concerns</li> <li>• Competitors influence on Morrow</li> </ul>
<b>TAPE 20, B</b>		
020	Neal	Concludes.
030	Sen. Nelson	Comments on the food processing industry in Morrow, and asks what other industries will assist Morrow.
035	Neal	Answers and provides information on projects pending in Morrow.
045	Sen. Nelson	Asks for elaboration on further expansion of the food processing industry in Morrow.
050	Neal	Answers and comments on the food processing industry in the US.
055	Roger Martin	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). Begins with historical impact of Columbia River fisheries.
120	Martin	Continues testimony.
175	Chair Metsger	Asks about specific data provided in testimony.
185	Martin	Clarifies testimony, and suggests a written response from the Tribe.
210	Sen. Nelson	Asks for if there is a potential that the use of the Columbia water would be helpful to increase the flows to the Umatilla.
230	Martin	Answers.
240	Sen. Nelson	Comments on Wallawa run.
251	Chair Metsger	Closes the informational hearing and adjourns the committee at 9:45 a.m.

The following prepared testimony is submitted for the record without public testimony.

Karen Russell                      Submits written testimony (**Exhibit F**)

## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

- A – Informational, written testimony, Sen. Rick Metsger, 7 pp**
- B – Informational, written testimony, Paul Cleary, 2 pp**
- C – Informational, written testimony, Paul Cleary, 2 pp**
- D – Informational, written testimony, Roger Levy, 11 pp**
- E – Informational, slide show, Dr. Darrell Olsen, 44 pp**
- F – Informational, written testimony, Karen Russell, 5 pp**