

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON STREAM RESTORATION**  
**AND SPECIES RECOVERY**

**February 18, 1999 Hearing Room 50**

**7:00 AM Tapes 28 - 29**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Co-Chair**

**Rep. Ken Messerle, Co-Chair**

**Sen. Ginny Burdick, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Joan Dukes**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

**Rep. Al King**

**Rep. Jeff Kruse**

**Rep. Randy Leonard**

**Rep. Lynn Lundquist**

**Rep. Susan Morgan**

**Rep. Bruce Starr**

**Rep. Terry Thompson**

**MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. David Nelson**

**STAFF PRESENT: Judith Callens, Administrator**

**Stephen Kosiewicz, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Measure 66 ñ Salmon and watershed discussion**

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 28, A**

004	Chair Messerle	Calls the committee to order at 7:11 a.m. Announces a change in today's agenda.
<b><u>MEASURE 66 n SALMON AND WATERSHED DISCUSSION</u></b>		
010	Gil Riddell	Association of Oregon Counties. Submits and reads written testimony from Harold Haugen regarding the Measure 66 explanatory statement ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
041	Olney Patt, Jr.	Chairman of the Council, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Submits written material ( <b>EXHIBIT B</b> ) and begins testimony on the work the Warm Springs tribe has done in regard to salmon recovery and watershed restoration.
103	Patt	Continues testimony on the tribes' salmon recovery and watershed restoration work.
149	Rep. Thompson	Asks Mr. Patt if his tribe has had contact with any of the tribes on Vancouver Island concerning the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
152	Patt	Responds that they have.
156	Rep. Thompson	Asks how the Warm Springs tribe feels about the progress on the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
158	Patt	Responds that the tribe feels the treaty is a mess.
171	Rep. Thompson	Asks Mr. Patt if he is familiar with the problem some of the tribes on Vancouver Island are facing where some of the young people are signing suicide pacts and carrying through on them.
175	Patt	Responds that he is not.
176	Rep. Thompson	Notes that if the Oregon tribes make contact with these tribes they may understand part of the reasons why the decisions were made up there, and this might save some lives on Vancouver Island.
183	Chair Messerle	Notes that the committee is interested in having the tribes' input on the Measure 66 process.
185	John Platt	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Testifies on the Wy-Kan-Ush-Mi Wa-Kish-Wit (Spirit of the Salmon), which is the salmon restoration plan developed by the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce tribes.

235	Platt	Continues testimony on the tribal salmon restoration plan.
290	Chair Messerle	Asks if the tribe has any thoughts on the issue of the lack of data on the ocean.
298	Platt	Responds that the plan put forth by the Commission talks about the cyclical nature of the ocean environment.
312	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if the tribe has any opinion of ODFW's focus on a wild fish policy.
319	Platt	Responds that the wild fish policy suffers from inflexibility.
357	Sen. Ferrioli	Notes that the tribes are operating hatcheries on the Columbia in watersheds that are shared by other states and each state has developed a policy relative to wild fish and hatchery fish. Questions how they can get to a measurable improvement in fish stock health if there is no recognition that different people are doing different things in the same watershed.
374	Platt	Notes that the tribes have been seeking for years to have their management authority recognized through co-management procedures.
384	Sen. Ferrioli	Notes that the committee has struggled with the difference between a wild fish and a hatchery fish.
399	Platt	Notes that the question is whether this is really relevant.
<b>TAPE 29, A</b>		
007	Patty O'Toole	Fisheries Program Manager, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Reviews the organizational structure of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.
036	O'Toole	Begins overhead presentation on the various lands of interest to the tribes.
060	O'Toole	Concludes overhead presentation and continues testimony by discussing the tribes' on-reservation restoration program.
110	O'Toole	<p>Begins slide presentation on how the tribes' restoration program is working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality of Chinook habitat</li> <li>• Status of current stream side protections</li> <li>• Problems</li> <li>• Watershed restoration projects</li> </ul>
175	O'Toole	Continues slide presentation on the tribes' watershed restoration projects.

233	OíToole	Continues slide presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of riparian fencing</li> <li>• Monitoring</li> <li>• Off-reservation program</li> </ul>
284	OíToole	Continues slide presentation by discussing the supplementation project in the Hood River Basin
324	Sen. Tarno	Asks where the smolts come from for the supplementation project.
325	OíToole	Responds that the Spring Chinook are coming from the Deschutes and the Steelhead come from the Hood River.
328	Sen. Tarno	Asks if the eggs are trapped from a local tributary.
329	OíToole	Responds that they are from the Hood River. Continues slide presentation on the supplementation project.
383	OíToole	Continues testimony by discussing opportunities for the future.
<b>TAPE 28, B</b>		
014	OíToole	Continues discussing opportunities for the future.
041	Chair Messerle	Notes that the committee has to adjourn by 8:25 a.m. Asks the committee to hold their questions under the remaining witnesses have testified.
046	Rep. Thompson	Asks what the tribes' relationship has been with ODFW and whether the tribes pay for the services from ODFW.
049	OíToole	Responds that the tribes' relationship with ODFW is pretty good. Responds that they do contract with ODFW for technical services on the habitat inventory, but otherwise the services are contributed.
058	Rep. Thompson	Notes that this is another case of ODFW being asked to do something beyond what they have normally done in the past; it is a case where the sports fishermen should not be involved; and it is another case why more of ODFW's budget should be General Fund.
066	Delvis Heath	Chief, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Testifies on the historical and religious aspects of the tribe.
107	Heath	Continues testifying on the historical and religious aspects of the tribe.

152	Don Sampson	Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Notes that he will be submitting a video to the committee. Testifies on the Umatilla River restoration program.
210	Sampson	Continues testimony on the Umatilla River restoration program.
257	Sampson	Continues testimony on the Umatilla River restoration program.
287	Chair Messerle	States that the committee would like to have the tribe come back for a future presentation.
293	Sen. Tarno	Asks if ODFW provided the smolts when the tribe started its Umatilla River restoration program.
301	Sampson	Responds that they did.
316	Chair Messerle	Notes that the committee is struggling with the issue of historic water temperature levels. States that he would like information about the backup systems that the tribes have for their water systems.
332	Rep. Jenson	Suggests the tribe extend an invitation to the committee when they have their salmon walk in the spring.
338	Rep. King	States that he would be interested in seeing whether there is recovery of the strength of the gene pool, as well as the counts, in the reintroduction of the species.
346	Rep. Lundquist	States that he would like to know the economic implications of the water facilities on the range, what the tribe has done for juniper control on the range, and how the condition of the range has changed over the last 15 years.
358	Rep. Leonard	Thanks Chief Delvis Heath for his comments before the committee today.
363	Chair Messerle	Adjourns the committee at 8:30 a.m.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A ñ Measure 66 discussion, written testimony of Harold Haugen, Gil Riddell, 1 p**

**B ñ Measure 66 discussion, written material, Olney Patt, Jr., 77 pp.**