

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STREAM RESTORATION
AND SPECIES RECOVERY

February 23, 1999 Hearing Room 50

4:30 PM Tapes 34 - 35

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. David Nelson

Sen. Veral Tarno

Rep. Al King

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Randy Leonard

Rep. Lynn Lundquist

Rep. Susan Morgan

Rep. Terry Thompson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Bruce Starr

STAFF PRESENT: Judith Callens, Administrator

Stephen Kosiewicz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 130 Public Hearing and Possible Work Session

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 34, A		
004	Chair Messerle	Calls the committee to order at 4:45 p.m. Opens the public hearing on SB 130.
<u>SB 130 n PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Judith Callens	Committee Administrator. Reviews the provisions of SB 130.
027	Senator Veral Tarno	Senate District 24. Begins video on hatchbox operations on the Coquille River.
182	Sen. Tarno	Concludes video. Testifies on why he introduced SB 130.
198	Rep. Thompson	Asks how much SB 130 is going to cost the state.
199	Sen. Tarno	Responds that he does not know what the fiscal impact is.
202	Rep. Thompson	Asks if the committee is going to get a fiscal impact statement on the bill.
204	Sen. Tarno	Responds that there should not be a fiscal impact. Suggests they get a fiscal impact statement issued. Reviews provisions of SB 130.
221	Sen. Nelson	Asks if there is a difference between a hatchbox operation and the tribesí gravel-to-gravel operation.
225	Sen. Tarno	Responds that he is not sure there is any difference between the two.
238	Paul Hanneman	Resident of Cloverdale. Submits written material (EXHIBIT A) and testifies in support of SB 130.
284	Hanneman	Continues testimony in support of SB 130.
329	Janice Green	Representing Oregonians for Fish and Fishing. Submits written testimony (EXHIBIT B). Notes that her organization has suggestions for revisions to SB 130.
343	Dave Peters	Vice-President, Oregonians for Fish and Fishing. Testifies in support of SB 130.
381	Peters	Suggests revisions to SB 130.

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011	Peters	Continues suggesting revisions to SB 130.
044	Silas Whitman	Director of Fisheries Management, Nez Perce Tribe. Testifies on the Nez Perce tribe's experience in hatchbox programs.
094	Whitman	Continues testimony on the Nez Perce tribe's experience in hatchbox programs.
136	Louie Pitt, Jr.	Director of Government Affairs and Planning, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. Testifies in support of hatchbox operations.
197	Don Sampson	Watershed Department Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. Submits written material (EXHIBIT C) and testifies on the trout streamside incubator program.
245	Sampson	Continues testimony on the streamside incubator program.
306	Sampson	Continues testimony by expressing support for the hatchbox program concept. Notes that the tribes would like to return to provide specific comments on SB 130 in regard to the cost and the possibility of revising the bill.
335	Sampson	Presents a gift from the tribes to the committee.
358	Chair Messerle	Presents a gift from the committee to the tribes.
367	Rep. Thompson	Thanks the tribe for their work in this area. Asks how much Coho are in the Snake River area and what are the chances for recovery.
377	Whitman	Responds that two years ago they had 100 cross Lower Granite Dam and that these are fish the tribe is confident it can count on for the future [response inaudible at times].
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012	Sampson	Notes that the Snake River Coho went extinct in 1984.
021	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks what kind of coordination there is between the tribes, ODFW, and NMFS in managing fisheries in the Columbia River system.
030	Whitman	Responds that there have been a number of points of contention that have continued to come up.

084	Sen. Ferrioli	Notes that this is a very adaptive management policy. Asks how the tribes were able to overcome the limitations to doing the adaptive management that restored their fish.
091	Sampson	Responds that in the Umatilla River they implemented their hatchbox programs before there was a wild fish policy or a listing.
135	Sen. Ferrioli	Questions whether the reason the tribesí program is not a focal point of the management is because it is low tech and inexpensive.
147	Whitman	Comments on the frustrations the tribes have faced in dealing with state and federal agencies.
209	Sen. Nelson	Notes that he is hearing there is not much cooperation with ODFW. Asks for clarification that the tribesí gravel-to-gravel operation is the same as a hatchbox operation.
224	Whitman	Responds that this is correct.
225	Sen. Nelson	Asks whether or not it is a good thing to have the genetic purity.
229	Whitman	Responds that it makes sense to have something there to use to keep segregation where it may be needed to strengthen a population.
Written material regarding hatchery operations submitted by John Platt, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (EXHIBIT D).		
251	Chair Messerle	Reminds the committee that there are more witnesses to testify.
263	Stephen Kafoury	Representing the American Fisheries Society-Oregon Chapter (AFS). Submits and reviews written material regarding AFSí 35 th Annual Meeting (EXHIBIT E).
299	Chuck Huntington	Natural Production Committee Co-Chair, American Fisheries Society-Oregon Chapter. Submits and reads written testimony regarding AFSí concerns with SB 130 (EXHIBIT F).
349	Huntington	Continues reading written testimony.
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024	Huntington	Continues reading written testimony.
071	Tom Wolf	Chairman of the Oregon Council of Trout Unlimited. Submits and reads written testimony on Trout Unlimited's concerns with SB 130 (EXHIBIT G).
114	Doug Meyers	Representing Trout Unlimited. Notes that Trout Unlimited has worked with the tribes and state and federal agencies to utilize "old refrigerator" type streamside incubators.
119	Chair Messerle	Asks Mr. Wolf to comment on the significance of ocean conditions in regard to salmon restoration.
125	Wolf	Notes that there is a lack of research on the significance of ocean conditions. States that if the habitat is improved the fish will be able to handle the ocean conditions.
140	Rep. King	Asks Mr. Wolf if he is implying that doing natural reproduction is mutually exclusive with doing hatchery production.
147	Wolf	Responds that he does not think there will be a point where the state can do away with hatcheries.
162	Rep. King	Asks Mr. Wolf if he is afraid that the state is going to rely heavily on hatchbox operations.
167	Wolf	Responds that he does not see a lot of language in the bill about combining the hatchbox program with restoration of habitat.
177	Chair Messerle	Notes that the intent of SB 130 is not to replace habitat work.
183	Rep. Thompson	Notes that the intent of SB 130 is to make sure that the habitat is improved so that the hatchbox system can be taken advantage of.
196	Wolf	Comments that as a lay person he does not see this in SB 130. Suggests this intent be clarified in the bill through additional language.
205	Chair Messerle	Introduces Leann Bleakney as the new natural resource staff for the House Majority Office.
215	Kay Brown	Department of Fish and Wildlife. Submits and reviews written material on the difference between hatchery fish and wild fish, and on the Salmon-Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) (EXHIBIT H).
256	Joe Rohleder	Assistant to the Director for Government Affairs, Department of Fish and

		Wildlife. States that ODFW wants to integrate hatchbox programs with ODFW's current activities.
271	Chair Messerle	Asks if the number of STEP chapters or volunteers is increasing or decreasing.
275	Brown	Responds that it has changed over time, but generally it is increasing.
278	Chair Messerle	Asks if the function is different between different STEP chapters.
283	Brown	Responds that there is significant difference both in locality and in terms of individual STEP organizations.
294	Rep. Thompson	Asks if there is a failure rate for when ODFW has started a STEP program and the people have quit being involved and the eggs and fish were lost.
303	Brown	Responds that she does not have specific figures. Notes that she does know that a number of people were asked to discontinue rearing eggs because of concerns about wild fish and hatchery fish intermixing and they became disenchanted with the program and quit.
312	Rep. Thompson	Asks if there are instances of people starting a program and neglecting the hatchbox.
317	Rohleder	Respond that it does happen, but it is not widespread.
326	Chair Messerle	Notes that there could be other reasons why people lost interest or why the project failed.
330	Rep. Thompson	Notes that similar failures have happened with hatcheries.
337	Chair Messerle	Asks committee staff to work with Sen. Tarno on SB 130. Adjourns the committee at 6:30 p.m.

Stephen Kosiewicz, Judith Callens,
Administrative Support Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A ñ SB 130, written material, Paul Hanneman, pp.

B ñ SB 130, written testimony, Janice Green, 1 p

C ñ SB 130, written material, Don Sampson, 4 pp.

D ñ SB 130, written material, John Platt, 12 pp.

E ñ SB 130, written material, Stephen Kafoury, 7 pp.

F ñ SB 130, written testimony, Chuck Huntington, 3 pp.

G ñ SB 130, written testimony, Tom Wolf, 2 pp.

H ñ SB 130, written material, Kay Brown, 14 pp.