

JOINT COMMITTEE ON STREAM RESTORATION
AND SPECIES RECOVERY

March 11, 1999 Hearing Room 50

7:00 AM Tapes 50 - 51

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ken Messerle, Co-Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson, Vice-Chair

Sen. Joan Dukes

Sen. David Nelson

Sen. Veral Tarno

Rep. Al King

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Lynn Lundquist

Rep. Susan Morgan

Rep. Bruce Starr

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ted Ferrioli, Co-Chair

Sen. Ginny Burdick, Vice-Chair

Rep. Randy Leonard

Rep. Terry Thompson

STAFF PRESENT: Judith Callens, Administrator

Stephen Kosiewicz, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program

Coastal Salmon Restoration and Production Task Force

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 50, A		
004	Chair Messerle	Calls the committee to order at 7:10 a.m. Announces a change in today's agenda.
<u>SALMON AND TROUT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM</u>		
021	Tom Rumreich	<p>Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) Biologist, Department of Fish and Wildlife. Begins slide presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with wild fish management policy • Implementation of the wild fish management policy • Approaches to compliance
052	Chair Messerle	Asks if the reduction in the number of hatchery fish released is in conflict with NMFS's regulations for an allowable harvest.
057	Rumreich	Responds that there are conflicts.
062	Chair Messerle	Notes that NMFS requires 50% of hatchery fish in the stream before harvest is allowed, so the reduction in hatchery production conflicts with NMFS's rules.
067	Rumreich	<p>States that this is correct. Continues slide presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producing hatchery fish genetically similar to wild stock • Hatchery programs fall into two different programs • Rehabilitation efforts need a logical approach • Supplementation efforts need a logical approach
122	Rumreich	<p>Continues slide presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separating hatchery and wild fish in supplementation programs • Wild fish management policy standards for the percentage of hatchery fish spawning with wild populations • Survival is the critical issue • STEP program
163	Rep. King	Asks what brood stock was used in Winchester Creek.
164	Rumreich	Responds that it was a combination of different stocks.
166	Rep. King	Asks whether the stock was wild or from a hatchery.
167	Rumreich	Responds that it was native brood stock. Continues slide presentation:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STEP program • Hatchbox sites
181	Chair Messerle	Asks if the number of hatchboxes in the program is the same as when the program started.
182	Rumreich	Responds that the number has been reduced. Continues slide presentation (pictures).
237	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation (pictures).
286	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation (pictures).
294	Sen. Tarno	Asks if the work crew shown in one of the slides were STEP volunteers.
296	Rumreich	Responds that they are not. Notes that a large part of their crew over the years has been Oregon Youth Conservation Corps members. Continues slide presentation (pictures).
350	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steelhead program changes • Separating hatchery and wild fish in augmentation programs • Construction of steelhead acclimation ponds (pictures)
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007	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of steelhead acclimation ponds (pictures) • Rearing/acclimation projects • Hatchbox program (pictures)
057	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation by discussing habitat improvement programs (pictures).
110	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation on habitat improvement programs (pictures).
164	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation by discussing educational opportunities (pictures).
221	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation with pictures and information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Chinook populations • West Fork Millicoma River fall Chinook hatchery-to-wild ratio

281	Rumreich	Continues slide presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenmile, Coos, and Coquille fish district hatchery stray rates • Fishing industry (pictures)
349	Sen. Tarno	Asks what the prospects for fishing are in the upcoming years.
354	Rumreich	Responds that the fishery is looking strong.
360	Chair Messerle	Asks if some of the STEP facilities are behind tide boxes.
362	Rumreich	Responds that this is correct.
363	Chair Messerle	Asks if tide boxes are a factor in placing facilities.
366	Rumreich	Responds that they are not really.
373	Chair Messerle	Asks if there is any documentation on the effect the fishing opportunities STEP has created has had on the sale of licenses.
380	Rumreich	Responds that he has no information on this. Comments on the fishing opportunities at Isthmus Slough.
407	Rep. Kruse	Questions how to prevent wild fish from being handled. Questions why skylights had to be installed in a culvert on a road project in Roseburg. Asks for a definition of genetically similar.
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005	Rumreich	Defines genetically similar.
015	Rep. Kruse	Expresses concern about the issue of genetics.
020	Rumreich	Notes that 95% of the South Fork Coquille Steelhead genetics this year is composed of wild, new genetic material into the population.
024	Ono Husing	Director, Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. Testifies on the work of the Coastal Salmon Restoration and Production Task Force (CSRPTF) in regard to the wild fish policy.
063	Husing	Continues testimony by discussing the work of the CSRPTF in regard to the hatchery issue.

106	Husing	Continues testimony by discussing ODFW's audit of its coastal hatchery facilities and the benefits of hatcheries.
158	Husing	Continues testimony on the ODFW audit and the benefits of hatcheries.
189	Husing	Begins video presentation on pinniped and avian predation at the mouth of the Alsea River.
272	Husing	Concludes video presentation. Continues testimony by discussing predation at the mouth of the Alsea River.
315	Leo Grandmontaine	STEP volunteer. Testifies on the confusion experienced by volunteers on the south coast in regard to the uniformity of the STEP program.
331	Rep. King	Notes that some of the members had their 8:30 committee canceled so they are able to stay a little longer to hear testimony.
338	Sen. Dukes	Comments on Mr. Husing's presentation.
356	Chair Messerle	Asks whether the STEP volunteers have liability protection, and if not, is this a concern.
366	Rumreich	Responds that the volunteers are considered agents of ODFW so they have liability coverage through the agency.
384	Janice Green	Oregonians for Fish and Fishing. Notes that the liability coverage being considered for watershed councils is not being considered for STEP volunteers, and it is better coverage than the STEP volunteers currently have through ODFW.
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004	Chair Messerle	Asks Ms. Green if she is talking about personal insurance.
006	Green	Responds that she is talking about the insurance that is being proposed for the watershed councils.
011	Sen. Nelson	Comments that the disconnect between programs comes from the policy at the state level.
022	Chair Messerle	Notes testimony the committee heard from the tribe about innovative ways to operate hatchbox programs.

028	Husing	Comments on the morale problem at ODFW under the previous director.
056	Louise Solliday	Governor's Natural Resources Office. Notes that the insurance STEP volunteers have is superior to the liability insurance being considered for watershed councils.
067	Sen. Tarno	Asks if workers' compensation is included in the insurance that STEP volunteers have.
068	Solliday	Responds that this is not.
069	Chair Messerle	Adjourns the committee at 8:36 a.m.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

No exhibits submitted