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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

January 20, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM Tapes 4A - 6A

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Veral Tarno

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Christin M. Smith, Administrator

Paul Zolezzi, Administrative Support

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) Agency Overview, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Agency 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 4, A		
004	Sen. Kintigh	Opens meeting at 9:04 AM.
014	Rudy Rosen	Addresses members, discusses Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) functions. References (EXHIBIT E) .
027	Rosen	Introduces other members of ODFW.
038	Rosen	Describes agency, brief overview and discussion of regional offices & districts.
057	Rosen	Describes charts in (EXHIBIT E) .
082	Sen. Tarno	Asks if the number of fishing/hunting licenses has increased or decreased throughout the state over the past few years.
088	Rosen	Says there has been a small decline in proportion to the population increase. States that in other words, smaller percentages of people hunt and fish.
097	Rosen	Discusses county statistics in regard to hunting/fishing licenses bought and sold.
106	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on the number of licenses sold.
112	Rosen	References organizational charts in (EXHIBIT E) .
137	Rosen	Elaborates on game/habitat program.
145	Sen. Kintigh	Asks question relating to habitat program responsibilities.
169	Rosen	Discusses ODFW fish management program.
180	Rosen	Discusses ODFW land resource program.
186	Rosen	Discusses ODFW habitat database and research program.
212	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on why revenue has declined and addresses the point of diminishing returns.
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235	Kintigh	Asks if there is much for the ODFW marine management division to do.
241	Rosen	Answers yes to Sen. Kintigh's question and states that groundfish and shellfish provide much economic support to the state.
250	Sen. Kintigh	Asks if the ODFW marine division manages the groundfish/shellfish program.
252	Rosen	Answers yes to Sen. Kintigh's question. Describes a recent meeting ODFW had with Governor Kitzhaber. Discusses the need for accurate data in order to achieve sustainable management.
277	Sen. Ferrioli	Refers to graph on page 9 of Exhibit A. Asks what exactly non-consumptive uses are and states that there really are no non-consumptive uses.
312	Rosen	Describes what he believes are non-consumptive uses within the agency. References wildlife viewing programs, and acknowledges that there are gray areas in regard to defining non-consumptive uses.
364	Sen. Ferrioli	States that there are no non-consumptive uses.
379	Sen. Dwyer	States that ODFW uses hunting and fishing license fees to support programs that do not benefit hunters and fishers.
400	Sen. Dwyer	Comments that non-consumptive users get the benefits of ODFW agency programs without paying for their fair share. Elaborates on his beliefs.
450	Sen. Dwyer	States that we need to tax non fishers and hunters so that they pay for the benefits they receive.
461	Sen. George	Comments on his constituents' concerns that access to public lands is declining.
TAPE 5, A		
041	Rosen	Comments on ODFW's position on public access to private lands and their role as an agency.
054	Sen. George	Asks if access to lands has increased or decreased.
059	Rod Ingram	Introduces himself as the Deputy Director of ODFW. States that public access to private lands has decreased and elaborates on why he believes this to be the case.
080	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on land access issues and the influence of stakeholder groups.
120	Sen. Kintigh	Comments that ODFW has had meetings in Lane County.
124	Ingram	Affirms Sen. Kintigh's statement.
127	Rosen	Discusses budgeting aspects of ODFW.
149	Rosen	Reference's charts in (EXHIBIT A) .
160	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on budgetary aspects.
163	Rosen	Discusses revenue reduction and expands on reasons for this occurrence, including unfunded mandates.

182	Sen. Kintigh	Asks if the federal funds are earmarked for ODFW program.
190	Sen. Tarno	References the Oregon Endangered Species Act and asks if that program has worked since last session.
197	Rosen	States that much of that program has gone untested.
204	Sen. Tarno	Asks if the state has to list species because the Federal Government does.
208	Rosen	Responds to Sen. Tarno's question, indicating that the state does not have to list species that the Federal Government lists. Expands on funding process and endangered species program at both the state and federal level.
228	Rosen	Mentions that everything the state does must be cleared by the Federal Government.
233	Sen. Tarno	Asks how the listing of the cutthroat trout will effect ODFW.
238	Sen. Tarno	Addresses concerns regarding funding at the state level.
247	Ingram	Replies to Sen. Tarno's concern and discusses listing procedure.
258	Rosen	Discusses revenue shortfalls and specifically addresses shortfalls in fish management program.
278	Rosen	Further discusses the agency budget and how it relates to the governor's budget.
299	Rosen	Discusses the outlook of ODFW's fishery program.
310	Sen. Tarno	Comments that Oregon has had good salmon runs over the past two years.
318	Rosen	Discusses recent fish runs and listings.
323	Sen. Tarno	Addresses the Rogue River specifically in regard to salmon runs. States that recent salmon runs in the Rogue have been good.
331	Rosen	Agrees, but states that some runs have been spotty over the years in other areas.
341	Ingram	Comments on concerns over wild fish.
348	Sen. Tarno	Asks if ODFW has the ability to count wild fish populations accurately.
353	Ingram	Discusses procedures involved in counting fish.
357	Rosen	Elaborates on agency goals and endangered species of fish throughout the state.
391	Sen. Kintigh	Asks if bulltrout will be listed in the near future.
396	Sen. Dwyer	Asks why ODFW listed salmon on the Willamette River.
405	Rosen	Says that the issue is not how many fish are there but how many wild fish are there.
415	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on decline of wild fish.
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421	Dwyer	Asks if wild fish are being marked.
426	Ingram	Says they all are not marked.
430	Sen. Dwyer	Asks why all fish are not marked.
435	Ingram	Says he is out of his area of expertise.
445	Rosen	Addresses natural disasters and their impact on declining fish runs. Particularly discusses recent floods.
TAPE 4, B		
057	Rosen	Discusses problems with the bear/cougar management programs, particularly staffing and funding.
076	Sen. George	Asks about seals and sea lions and their impact on fish and agency plans in regard to these animals.
084	Rosen	States that ODFW has no ability to manage mammals, that can only be done by the Federal Government.
096	Sen. Dwyer	States that he has seen seals and sea lions eating salmon and refers to an interim resolution which addressed this concern.
109	Sen. Dwyer	Asks if we have tried to address this concern with the Federal Government.
111	Rosen	Says that ODFW has applied to the Federal Government to address this concern but that the Federal Government has been slow in addressing the problem.
120	Sen. Kintigh	States that Representative Thompson has a resolution coming up that addresses this concern.
124	Sen. George	States that more concern and pressure from ODFW would help the Federal Government address this concern.
133	Rosen	States that trying to get the information out is difficult to do without creating a panic, particularly with the cougar issue.
152	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if the agency mission could be further explained in regard to fish management.
156	Rosen	Discusses water rights procedures.
167	Ingram	States that he would like to set up a briefing with the agency to address Sen. Ferrioli's concerns.
173	Sen. Fisher	Asks what happens to bears/cougars once they are trapped in metropolitan areas.
182	Ingram	States that animals are trapped and released outside of town, including possums, coyotes, and raccoons. Indicates that they are sometimes killed if unable to survive further.
200	Sen. Fisher	Discusses release of cougars and bears.
206	Ingram	States that cougar population is well stocked and elaborates on animal population.
230	Sen.	Thanks ODFW witnesses for testifying before the committee.

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258	Jim Brown	Introduces himself and Ann Hanus as representatives of the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and references (EXHIBIT F) .
283	Brown	Discusses agency goals and concerns.
302	Sen. Fisher	Thanks ODF for their fire-fighting efforts.
308	Brown	Discusses insect and disease concerns relating to trees.
315	Brown	Discusses exotic insect concerns.
320	Brown	Discusses revenue demands and recreational demands.
331	Brown	Refers to (EXHIBIT F) and discusses harvesting levels.
340	Brown	Continues discussion of agency program.
383	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F) and discusses ODF's fire fighting program.
409	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F) and further discusses fire suppression and cost associations.
439	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, page 12) concerning current legislative goals.
TAPE 5, B		
040	Sen. Dwyer	States his belief that ODF has done a good job managing public lands.
045	Brown	Continues discussion of agency goals and management practices.
078	Sen. Kintigh	Mentions that a volunteer in his district does forest management work and believes small voluntary crews are important.
088	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, pages 18-19) and discusses accompanying chart.
093	Brown	Discusses landslides and management effects of landslides.
104	Brown	Discusses aerial photography and the need to have good data for analysis.
113	Sen. Kintigh	Asks if most of the field work concerning landslides is finished.
114	Brown	States that the majority of field work is done concerning landslides and discusses possible effects regarding management practices.
125	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, pages 18-19) concerning budget aspects and current legislation.
141	Brown	Discusses revenues and support for ODF's programs through taxes and fees.
148	Brown	Discusses state owned forest lands and ODF management roles, goals, and styles.
161	Sen. Tarno	Asks if ODF is on target in regard to its habitat conservation plan.
165	Brown	Answers yes, and describes plan.
175	Sen. Tarno	Asks if ODF's plan is similar to the federal plan.
179	Sen. Kintigh	Asks if revenues for the conservation plan are rising.

181	Brown	States that revenues are rising for this program.
191	Sen. Fisher	Asks what the State Land Board owns of ODF managed lands.
196	Brown	Discusses statistics regarding state lands ownership.
210	Brown	Discusses marbled murrelet and spotted owl concerns.
217	Brown	Discusses market fluctuations and the need to diversify management practices.
233	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, page 22) and discusses content.
241	Brown	Discusses management tactics of the Elliott State Forest.
280	Brown	Continues discussion of management practices.
286	Sen. Kintigh	Comments on thinning practices.
301	Sen. Tarno	Asks what amounts and types of fertilizers are used by ODF.
309	Brown	Discusses management techniques and monitoring program.
317	Brown	Discusses advertising of management practices.
328	Brown	Continues discussion of ODF management program.
354	Sen. Ferrioli	Requests a copy of the Cooperative Department of Forestry and Forest Service Mortality Report and also copies of the Governor's Forest Health Report. Comments that timber mortality rates are greater on federal lands, and that this is an important fact.
409	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F) commenting on budgetary concerns.
448	Brown	Continues discussion of ODF's budget.
458	Brown	Discusses ODF's legislative program.
TAPE 6, A		
056	Brown	Begins slide show presentation.
080	Brown	Discusses past state fires.
099	Brown	Discusses 1993 legislation relating to ODF's management practices.
108	Brown	Discusses international timber management aspects and how they relate to state practices.
128	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, page 35) in regard to budgetary concerns.
133	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, Appendix) .
136	Brown	References (EXHIBIT F, page 40) .
139	Sen. Dwyer	Asks if clearcutting and road building practices and policies have been criticized.
150	Brown	States that the land owner should not increase the amount of landslides via management practices. Addresses issue of structures in known slide areas.
163	Brown	Elaborates on safety concerns relating to landslides.
177	Brown	States his belief that ODF needs to look at their responsibility in regard to

		landslides.
182	Brown	States his belief that land use planning at the local level is key.
190	Sen. Tarno	Asks if O&C lands can successfully be managed by the state.
196	Brown	States his belief that they can be and elaborates on his answer.
205	Sen. Kintigh	Adjourns meeting.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

E - Department of Fish & Wildlife Agency Overview, submitted by Rudy Rosen and Rod Ingram, 13 pages.

F- Oregon Department of Forestry Introduction and Agency Overview, submitted by Jim Brown and Ann Hanus, 43 pages.
