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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

January 22, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM Tapes 7A - 8B

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:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

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 7,A		
004	Sen. Kintigh	Chair convenes meeting at 9:02 AM.
010	Paul Cleary	Director, Division of State Lands (DSL). Introduction. Approaches necessary to the success of the department.
030	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding applicability of standards to other state departments.
042	Cleary	Submission of overview status report (Ex. G). Description of department as administrator of state trust land.
058	Sen. Kintigh	Comment regarding land grants in previous century.
064	Cleary	Summary of state lands under DSL administration, revenue distribution, and inter-agency coordination. Goal and objectives of department.
101	Cleary	Discussion of department programs, including: navigability determinations, remove & fill, wetland conservation.
172	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding wetlands criteria.
180	Cleary	Discussion of three factors required for wetlands designation.
190	Cleary	Success of Elliot State Forest. Reference to overview handout. Discussion of departments efforts to enact last session's directives. Common school fund.
244	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding potential to forecast harvest yield from Tillamook forest.
255	Cleary	State owns only 2-3% of forest land in Tillamook.
260	Sen. Kintigh	Comment regarding tax delinquent land.
265	Cleary	Further revenue/budget related efforts.
300	Cleary	Efforts to reclaim 80-acre parcel for conservation.
315	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding past litigation.

330	Cleary	Further budget notes. Partnership with Oregon Institute of Marine Technology.
392	Cleary	Summary of substantive action taken on legislation through December 1996.
TAPE 8,A		
039	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding mitigation program.
052	Cleary	Description of program.
063	Sen. Ferrioli	Question regarding definition of navigability.
072	Cleary	Explanation of navigability standard under federal law.
110	Sen. Ferrioli	Question regarding conservation efforts and public notice.
120	Cleary	Response.
130	Sen. Ferrioli	Expresses appreciation for being kept notified of efforts.
135	Cleary	Discussion of legislation and factors division looks at to determine applicability of federal regulations and programs.
165	Cleary	Beginning July, Division cannot issue permits under certain condition involving Army Corps of Engineers. Division wishes to have two-year phase in of program.
190	Sen. Kintigh	Which other states have accepted/implemented this Army Corps program?
195	Cleary	Explanation of which projects are administered by Army Corps and which remain with Division.
210	Cleary	Discussion of Land Board permitting process. Discussion of sale of forest products from state owned lands.
253	Sen. Tarno	Question.
258	Cleary	Introduction of Steve Perks to reply.
260	Steve Perks	Division of State Lands. Brief reply to Sen. Tarno's question.
278	Cleary	Policy option questions in division's budget. Explanation of charts/graphs in handout.
320	Sen. Kintigh	How long does division administer unclaimed land?
330	Cleary	Indefinitely in most cases. Discussion of range land improvements.
370	Cleary	Distributable income increased with stock market gains. Discussion of costs.
400	Sen. Ferrioli	Question regarding income derived from timber sales.

411	Cleary	Forest land most profitable.
TAPE 7,B		
033	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding cost figures.
040	Cleary	Explanation of reserving mineral rights.
057	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding senate bill.
062	Cleary	Discussion of bill.
078	Sen. Kintigh	Dismissal of Cleary. Discussion of committee's future agenda. Introduction of Oregonians for Food and Shelter.
094	Terry Witt	Executive Director of Oregonians for Food and Shelter (OFS). Explanation of organization's purpose and non-profit status. Discussion of lobbying and fund raising efforts. Board of Directors is comprised of persons from agriculture, forestry and "user" community. Educational programs. Discussion of mission statement. OFS has diverse agenda.
193	Witt	Discussion of controversy surrounding pesticide uses. Alternatives faced by producers following limits on field burning.
215	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of field burning versus stack burning.
230	Witt	Discussion on unintended consequences of some legislation. Explanation of pesticide use on different crops.
259	Sen. Fisher	Comments regarding stack burning.
275	Sen. Dwyer	Discussion of effects of stack burning and separate issue of smoke management.
292	Sen. Fisher	Issue of getting straw off the field without burning.
307	Witt	Discussion of land management techniques and subsequent impact.
328	Witt	OFS has not drafted legislation, but is interested in several proposed measures, including healthy streams. Discussion of federal Food Quality Protection Act - impacts pesticide use.
384	Witt	Programs addressing weed control - both on land and water. Seeking to reinstitute funding to agriculture extension offices.
406	Sen. Kintigh	Are there herbicides which effectively control aquatic weeds?
420	Witt	Affirmative - there are safe chemicals and weed-eating fish.
434	Sen. Ferrioli	Crop production is good and must be sustained through pest management.

TAPE 8,B		
035	Sen. Fisher	Comment regarding repeal of SB 1010.
057	Sen. George	Question regarding funding for educational purposes.
062	Witt	Good scientific base necessary for good land management.
085	Sen. Kintigh	Introduction of Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB).
091	Pete Test	Assistant Director of Government Affairs, OFB. Overview of OFB. Discussion of pending legislation, including issue of wetlands.
150	Test	Issue of navigability. Complex and emotional issue.
175	Test	Discussion of stream water quality and fish preservation - Healthy Stream Water information. Focus on Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations.
215	Test	Discussion of suit filed to have DEQ take over water quality administration.
230	Test	Discussion of coastal salmon initiatives. Water quality standards. Key is to deal with Oregon problems before Federal government steps in.
260	Test	Renewal of wildlife legislation.
272	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding whether Test has seen copy of legislation.
280	Test	No, but is actively pursuing and will forward copy.
285	Test	Issue of declaring water as state lands and connection to Endangered Species Act.
303	Test	Anticipated legislation regarding endangered species. End of presentation.
325	Andy Anderson	Executive Vice President of Farm Bureau. Discussion of SB 1010 plan.
386	Sen. Fisher	Question regarding stream temperature standards.
398	Anderson	Clean Water Act requires state to set standards to protect most sensitive beneficial uses. Issue concerns whether certain streams can maintain required standards.
465	Sen. Kintigh	Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Agency Overview and Status Report - Paul Cleary, Oregon Division of State Lands

(22 pp).

B - Oregonians for Food & Shelter Profile - Terry Witt, Oregonians for Food & Shelter

(1 p).

C - Written Testimony - Pete Test, Oregon Farm Bureau (3 pp).
