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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

January 24, 1997 Hearing Room C

9:00 AM TAPES 9A - 11A

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 9,A		
001	Sen. Kintigh	Chair convenes meeting at 9:04 AM.
005	John Beaulieu	Deputy State Geology, Oregon Department of Geology. Introduction and overview of presentation.
023	Sen. Kintigh	Question.
026	Beaulieu	Response.
034	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding mapping.
037	Beaulieu	Response.
042	Sen. Dwyer	Question.
046	Beaulieu	Response.
050	Sen. Tarno	Question.
052	Beaulieu	Response. Discussion of staff.
070	Beaulieu	Slide presentation.
TAPE 10,A		
020	Beaulieu	End of slide presentation.
040	Sen. Kintigh	Comment.
042	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding cooperation with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
051	Beaulieu	Explanation of past and present interaction with ODOT.
090	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding prevention of landslides.
103	Beaulieu	Explanation of prioritizing geology projects and interagency cooperation.
138	Sen. Dwyer	Appreciation of Geology Department. Question regarding federal funding sources.

164	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding tsunami planning and Reedsport community.
172	Beaulieu	Discussion of Reedsport area and recommendations.
218	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding coastal erosion prevention measures. Newport used as an example.
222	Beaulieu	Explanation of current plans and options.
278	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding preventative measures.
281	Beaulieu	Further discussion of prevention.
310	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding effect of surface weight on landslides and erosion.
311	Beaulieu	Discussion of drainage issues.
330	Sen. Tarno	Question.
338	Beaulieu	Response.
341	Sen. Fisher	Comments regarding drainage in Roseburg.
371	Sen. Kintigh	Chair thanks Beaulieu for presentation. Introduction of Ray Wilkenson from Forest Industries Council (OFIC).
386	Ray Wilkenson	Representative of Oregon Forest Industries Council. Introduction. OFIC represents industrial forest landowners. Discussion of policy and issues facing OFIC.
TAPE 9,B		
043	Wilkenson	Discussion of forest practices and relevant legislation.
105	Wilkenson	Examples of local forest management issues.
122	Sen. Tarno	Comment regarding problems associated with forest management.
130	Wilkenson	OFIC willing to change practices where necessary.
140	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding evidence that tree weight may increase slide risks.
149	Wilkenson	Discussion of competing theories. Overview of current studies underway.
177	Sen. Kintigh	Comment regarding experience with tree removal as slide prevention measure.
187	Wilkenson	Response. Further discussion of forest practices and pending legislation.
197	Wilkenson	Discussion of fire protection issues.
247	Wilkenson	Discussion of timber taxes and the use of those funds.
293	Wilkenson	Discussion of state forest lands issues.
302	Wilkenson	Summary of current legislative issues being focused on by OFIC.
369	Wilkenson	Encourages committee to make salmon recovery a top priority.
392	Wilkenson	Discussion of regulatory takings issues during prior sessions.
TAPE 10,B		
040	Wilkenson	Potential impact of Measure 47. Discussion of transportation funding.
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069	Kintigh	Thanks to Wilkenson. Chair asks for questions.
071	Sen. George	Question regarding lumber costs.
080	Wilkenson	Response.
085	Sen. Ferrioli	Comment regarding contribution of woodland owners. Concerns regarding lost productivity resulting from "environmental tax." Impact of federal regulations and Endangered Species Act.
132	Wilkenson	Salmon recovery plan is top priority.
138	Sen. Ferrioli	Discussion of past "eco-takings" legislation proposal.
151	Sen. Kintigh	Thanks to Wilkenson. Introduction of Geoff Pampush and Jim Myron.
155	Geoff Pampush	Director of Oregon Trout. Summary of organization's policy and goals. Current issues faced by organization and state.
220	Pampush	Status of various trout species. Discussion of salmon restoration and Governor's proposal.
300	Pampush	Recommendation of Salmon Restoration Investment Fund proposal.
310	Sen. Tarno	Comment regarding support for salmon restoration.
319	Sen. Ferrioli	Inconsistency of community based partnership to fend off federal intervention and Oregon Trout's role as chief petitioner to involve federal government in listing of Coho salmon.
345	Pampush	Response.
358	Sen. Ferrioli	Hope that Oregon Trout fails in its effort to list Coho and cautions against problems which may ensue. Supports Oregon's independent efforts to resolve problem.
385	Sen. Wilde	Thanks Oregon Trout for its efforts as chief petitioner.
397	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding Umpqua trout.
405	Jim Myron	Member of Oregon Trout. Response.
TAPE 11,A		
017	Sen. Kintigh	Question regarding Cutthroat trout.
023	Myron	Response.
028	Sen. Kintigh	Comment regarding personal experience with Cutthroat.
031	Sen. Ferrioli	Notes that Sen. Kintigh has been adversely impacted by federal regulations. Comment that Oregon Trout has abused process.
041	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding requirements to "de-list" endangered species.
047	Myron	Discussion of complexity of issue.
054	Sen. Tarno	Comment regarding Spotted Owls. Question regarding absence of criteria for "de listing."

067	Sen. Ferrioli	Discussion of habitat modifications versus species populations as problem with "de listing " issue.
078	Sen. Tarno	Question.
080	Sen. Ferrioli	Response.
084	Sen. Fisher	Comment regarding Sea-Run Cutthroat trout and inequity in federal system. Supports Sen. Ferrioli.
112	Pampush	Oregon Trout intends to follow and participate in federal process to its conclusion.
137	Sen. Kintigh	Chair adjourns meeting at 11:04 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Strategic Plan 1997-2003, Oregon Department of Geology, John Beaulieu (17 pp).

B - The Nature of Oregon brochure, Oregon Department of Geology, John Beaulieu (2 pp).

C - Reclamation, Regulation, and You, Oregon Department of Geology, John Beaulieu (8 pp).

D - Written Testimony, Geoff Pampush, Oregon Trout (3 pp).
