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SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

February 3, 1997 Hearing Room C

09:00 AM Tapes 18 - 19

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair

Sen. Bill Fisher, Vice-Chair

Sen. Bill Dwyer

Sen. Gary George

Sen. Veral Tarno

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Ted Ferrioli

STAFF PRESENT:

Glen Stonebrink, Administrator

Brad Harper, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

SB 109: Public Testimony

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 18, A		
003	Chair Kintigh	Convenes meeting at 9:06 AM. Requests that committee administrator announce scheduling plans.
009	Glen Stonebrink	Committee administrator gives scheduling notices.
025	Chair Kintigh	Comments regarding expectations for future meetings.
SB 109: PUBLIC HEARING		
036	Chair Kintigh	Chair opens public hearing.
040	Charlie Stone	Forest Practices Director, Department of Forestry (ODF). Submits written testimony with proposed amendments. (EXHIBIT A) . Discussion of proposed legislation.
075	Stone	Discussion of amendment language regarding stewardship agreement program and appeal process.
094	Chair Kintigh	Requests step-by-step explanation and comparison of current and proposed forest practices management.
104	Stone	Discussion of current application of Forest Practices Act, including requirements for written plans.
118	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding steward agreements and initial written plans.
128	Stone	Answer
130	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding the appeal of stewardship agreements. Consequences of not appealing initial agreement.
148	Stone	Explanation of auditing and complaint investigation processes.
165	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding relationship of stewardship agreements and clearcutting practices.
168	Stone	Response
170	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding "303" requirements of Clean Water Act.
175	Stone	Response. Further discussion of written forest management plans.
		Discussion of proposed stewardship agreement process. Proposed

196	Stone	forest practices rules described as "framework legislation."
225	Sen. Dwyer	Question
235	Stone	Answer
245	Sen. Dwyer	Will legislation benefit larger land owners over smaller ones?
255	Stone	No restrictions against the participation of small woodland owners.
267	Stone	Further discussion of proposed legislation.
296	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding impact of "adversely affected" language.
305	Stone	Response
320	Sen. Dwyer	Question regarding ambiguity in proposed legislation.
322	Stone	Response
345	Stone	Discussion of audit process including possible formation of audit committee.
368	Sen. Dwyer	Comments regarding compliance. Question regarding consequences of "blatant disregard" of stewardship agreement.
395	Stone	Discussion of compliance issues.
TAPE 19,A		
020	Sen. Dwyer	Consequences and timelines regarding noncompliance with stewardship agreement.
036	Stone	One year necessary for rule-making process if legislation is enacted. Expectations for initial applications to join process.
055	Chair Kintigh	Question regarding audit process as administered by Montana.
059	Stone	Discussion of audit programs throughout West Coast and cooperation among those programs.
069	Chair Kintigh	Comment
072	Stone	Discussion of proposed process.
077	Chair Kintigh	Comment
079	Stone	Response
090	Stone	Summary of written testimony.
125	Chair Kintigh	Question regarding timeline between filing and approval of stewardship agreement.
130	Stone	Explanation of process and applicable time frames. Estimation of 120 days.
153	Chair Kintigh	Question regarding current process.

155	Stone	Response
171	Chair Kintigh	Clarification of issue.
173	Stone	Response
180	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding water quality requirements and habitat restoration.
190	Stone	Discussion of Governor's salmon restoration plan. Past practices of ODF.
206	Sen. Tarno	Question regarding specific section of proposed legislation.
213	Stone	Explanation of policy behind legislation.
215	Chair Kintigh	Question
217	Stone	Response
230	Chair Kintigh	Calls Jim Myron to testify.
235	Jim Myron	Representing Oregon Trout. Submits written testimony. (EXHIBIT B) . Supports concept of stewardship agreements. Discussion of proposed amendments.
270	Chair Kintigh	Comment. Invites next speaker to testify.
277	Ray Wilkenson	Represents Oregon Forest Industries Council. Supports proposed legislation.
303	Chair Kintigh	Question regarding proposed amendments.
305	Wilkenson	Tentative support for amendments.
312	Chair Kintigh	Chair closes public hearing. Chair encourages committee members to review proposed amendments. Meeting adjourns at 9:52 AM.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Brad Harper Glen Stonebrink

Administrative Assistant Administrator

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Written Testimony, Charlie Stone, Department of Forestry (12 pp).

B - Written Testimony, Jim Myron, Oregon Trout (1 p).
