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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES**

**February 14, 1997 Hearing Room 343**

**9:00 AM Tapes 30 - 31**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Sen. Bob Kintigh, Co-Chair**

**Sen. Bill Fisher**

**Sen. Bill Dwyer**

**Sen. Ted Ferrioli**

**Sen. Gary George**

**Sen. Veral Tarno**

**Sen. Thomas Wilde**

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Glen Stonebrink, Christin Smith, Administrators**

**Paul Zolezzi, Brad Harper, Administrative Support**

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Rep. Charles Starr, Co-Chair**

**Rep. Terry Thompson**

**Rep. Ken Messerle**

**Rep. Kurt Schrader**

**Rep. Judy Uherbelau**

**MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rep. Dennis Luke**

**Rep. Larry Wells**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Judith Gruber, Administrator**

**Linda Kowal, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Governor's Salmon Restoration Plan**

**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.**

<b>Tape/#</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>TAPE 30, A</b>		
	Co-Chair	

005	Kintigh	Opens meeting at 9:02 AM.
<b><u>GOVERNOR'S SALMON RESTORATION PLAN</u></b>		
011	Paula Burgess	Introduces herself as representing the Governor's Office. Explains and submits ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ).
060	Burgess	Describes listing procedure. Explains goals of Healthy Streams Partnership and Salmon Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* partnerships with private landowners</li> <li>* limited federal control</li> <li>* sound science</li> <li>* sufficient enforcement</li> <li>* implementation of existing regulations</li> <li>* increase in hatchery populations</li> <li>* elimination of 25,000 board foot harvest tax exemption for small woodland owners</li> <li>* use of harvest tax to fund program</li> </ul>
142	Sen. Dwyer	Asks how much money harvest tax will generate.
144	Burgess	States that tax will generate \$250,000 that will be matched by the state for a total of \$500,000.
180	Burgess	Describes Healthy Streams Partnership.
208	Burgess	Describes SB 1010. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* coordination of state agencies</li> <li>* proper funding</li> </ul>
293	Sen. Tarno	Asks when plan will be finalized.
294	Burgess	States plan is in draft form.
320	Sen. Tarno	States need for expediency.
340	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on the need for flexibility and pressures from the Federal Government.
<b>TAPE 31, A</b>		
028	Burgess	Comments on scientific studies relating to Governor's Salmon Plan.
056	Rep. Thompson	Asks when the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must have plan.
060	Burgess	States NMFS has not been specific in setting date.

080	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks how state program will be implemented on federal lands.
095	Burgess	Explains need for involvement from federal agencies.
120	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks how plan will affect the Eastside Forest Management Plan. States plan needs to coincide with the Eastside Forest Management Plan.
174	Douglas DeHart	Introduces himself as an Assistant Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Explains department's role in plan.
195	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if federal government will fund program.
205	Burgess	States federal government will fund program equally whether or not Coho listing occurs.
244	Co-Chair Kintigh	Asks if Governor's budget directs funds to extension agencies for plan.
259	Burgess	States funds will be used for plan.
265	Co-Chair Kintigh	Comments on plan funding.
275	Burgess	Comments on funding procedures.
302	Co-Chair Kintigh	Asks how the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be involved in plan.
315	Langdon Marsh	Introduces himself as the Director of DEQ. Explains agency's role in implementing plan.
355	Co-Chair Kintigh	Comments on river temperature standards.
380	Marsh	Explains 303 (d) listing procedure.
<b>TAPE 30, B</b>		
010	DeHart	Explains river temperature standards.
023	Rep. Messerle	Comments on the role of the legislature in reviewing plan. Comments on the lack of time to review plan.
061	Rep. Messerle	Asks how temperature standards can be implemented in a flexible manner.
070	Marsh	Explains temperature setting procedures.  * Soil and Water Conservation Districts  * Department of Agriculture
105	Rep. Thompson	Asks if the Coastal Task Force report is reliable and part of Governor's plan.
115	DeHart	States report is reliable and was used in establishing plan. Comments on agency's work with NMFS.
142	Rep. Schrader	Asks for clarification of plan's goals.

152	Burgess	Reviews goals of plan. States that federal agencies are looking to Oregon for a plan.
185	Rep. Schrader	States need for legislature to move forward in a bipartisan fashion.
202	Rep. Uherbelau	Asks how state agencies have been involved in Governor's Salmon Plan.
215	Burgess	Explains Governor's Salmon Plan and Healthy Streams Partnership.
250	Sen. George	Comments on recent fish counts of both hatchery and native species.
280	DeHart	States that NMFS is only concerned with native specie counts.
299	Sen. George	Comments on past and recent fish counts on the Alsea River.
315	DeHart	Explains recent and past salmon counts.
336	Sen. Wilde	Comments on the reliability of data used to draft plan.
352	Marsh	Explains how DEQ gathers and uses data to determine health of streams.
<b>TAPE 31, B</b>		
025	Burgess	Comments on criteria that NMFS will use to evaluate plan.
038	Lori Warner	<p>Introduces herself as representing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Explains <b>(Exhibit B)</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Healthy Streams Partnership</li> <li>* Salmon Plan</li> <li>* Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife</li> <li>* Department of Water Resources</li> <li>* Department of Land Conservation &amp; Development</li> <li>* Oregon Department of Forestry</li> <li>* Division of State Lands</li> <li>* State Police</li> <li>* DEQ</li> </ul>
147	Sen. Dwyer	Comments on fiscal aspects of plan.
162	DeHart	Explains fiscal aspects of plan. Elaborates on goals of plan.

210	Rep. Thompson	Asks about flexibility of plan in regard to hatchery practices.
219	DeHart	States that NMFS is working with the state to develop flexibility regarding hatcheries.
260	Sen. Fisher	Comments on ocean currents and their natural effects on wild fish populations.
290	Co-Chair Kintigh	Adjourns meeting at 10:43 AM.

**Submitted By, Reviewed By,**

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Governor's Salmon Plan written testimony, Paula Burgess, 8 pp.**

**B - Governor's Salmon Plan budget overview, Lori Warner, 4 pp.**