

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND USE**

**AND**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER POLICY**

**February 27, 1997 Hearing Room C**

**5:00 P.M. Tapes 30-32**

**Senate Committee on Water and Land Use:**

**Sen. Veral Tarno, Chair**

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

**Sen. Ginny Burdick**

**Sen. Ted Ferrioli**

**Sen. Bill Fisher**

**Sen. David Nelson**

**Sen. Thomas Wilde**

**House Committee on Water Policy:**

**Rep. Ken Messerle, Chair**

**Rep. Tim Josi, Vice-Chair**

**Rep. Jo Ann Bowman**

**Rep. Tony Corcoran**

**Rep. Steve Harper**

**Rep. Jeff Kruse**

**Rep. Jim Welsh**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**Pat Zwick, Administrator**

**Mark Volmert, Administrator**

**Nancy Masee, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

**Oregon Salmon Restoration Initiative and Healthy Streams Partnership**

**Invited 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
<b>TAPE 30, A</b>		
004	Chair Messerle	Calls meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
<b><u>OREGON SALMON RESTORATION INITIATIVE AND HEALTHY STREAMS PARTNERSHIP</u></b>		
030	Fred Otley	President, Oregon Cattlemen's Association, comments on the importance of water and watersheds to the cattle industry
060	Otley	Expresses the importance of partnership in the program to save the salmon and enhance the habitat. Local involvement is very important.
125	Otley	Continues presentation on the Oregon Plan and funding. Agriculture and Forestry are putting millions into this issue; it should be a general fund source because everyone contributes to the problems and benefits from solving the problem; areas of disagreements include water temperature; Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) need funding including watershed councils and other local programs. Healthy streams education has to be emphasized.
158	Reed Benson	Water Watch, ( <b>EXHIBIT A</b> ), introduced by Doug Myers.
176	Benson	<p>Gives presentation on the Oregon Plan's proposals to clean streams and restore the coho.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Oregon already has measures not fully used as yet</li> <li>* Water conservation planning</li> <li>* Reviews out-of-stream and transfer permits</li> <li>* Klamath River salmon not addressed in plan</li> <li>* Increase enforcement and monitoring <b>NEEDED</b></li> </ul>

287	Benson	<p>Continues presentation on Water Watch's suggestions to the Oregon Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Fund the plan adequately</li> <li>* Give the agencies license to use their tools to implement plan</li> <li>* Protect water flows in legislation this session</li> </ul> <p>Concludes with support of the Oregon Plan but identifies some areas to improve and strengthen the plan</p>
341	Jeff Allen	<p>Oregon Environmental Council, Executive Director, introduces Gayle Killam, Water Program Director, gives background on the council. <b>(EXHIBIT B)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Strongly supports the governor's effort and package</li> <li>* Supports a dedicated source of funding</li> </ul> <p>Package would be stronger if funding mechanisms linked the problems to the solutions</p>
<b>TAPE 31, A</b>		
017	Allen	<p>Continues presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Ground water issues, quantity and quality</li> <li>* Coastal salmon initiative as a model</li> <li>* Dedicated funding source for natural resources</li> </ul>
040	Allen	Continues presentation on Oregon Environmental Council's support of the Oregon Plan and added suggestions.
062	Allen	Continues presentation on suggested fees to be imposed to pay for the plan
083	Allen	Finalizes presentation in support of the Oregon Plan and funding by private industry
090	Ferrioli	Asks the Environmental Council what is their financial contribution
091	Allen	Responds that they have none
116	Jan Lee	<p>Oregon Water Resources Congress, gives background on that organization and presentation in support of the Oregon Plan</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT C)</b></p>
		Continues presentation on what the Oregon Water Resources Congress does

159	Lee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Provide a fishery consultant to upgrade fish screening and by-passes</li> <li>* Gauging stations taken over from state</li> <li>* Conservation planning within the state</li> <li>* Water Development Loan Fund as future resource</li> <li>* Feasibility plans funded by Congress</li> </ul>
180	Lee	<p>Continues on what future projects; explains funding available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Rogue Basin Diversification Plan jointly</li> <li>* Alternatives to pesticides</li> <li>* Lining off-stream reservoirs and like projects</li> <li>* Deschutes Trust Legislation</li> <li>* Warm Springs and Environmental Defense Fund</li> <li>* General Water Use Fee has been weighed</li> </ul>
217	Gary Springer	<p>Gives background on Oregon Small Woodlands Association</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT D)</b></p>
270	Springer	<p>Continues presentation in support of coho restoration and the Oregon Plan through the following efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* State agency cooperation</li> <li>* Landowners responsibility</li> <li>* Local agencies</li> </ul> <p>Cooperative effort of all of the above</p>
321	Springer	<p>Concludes with their stand on funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Harvest tax hurts the small woodlands owner</li> <li>* Preserve the 25,000 board foot exemption</li> <li>* Equitable funding including all who impact including public and industrial water users, agriculture, municipalities, fishermen, and tourist industry, and the environmental community</li> </ul>

368	Deborah Kafoury	Introduces Hiram Li, Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society gives background on the society and its purpose <b>(EXHIBIT E)</b>
<b>TAPE 30, B</b>		
006	Hiram Li	Continues presentation on support of the large scale effort to recover and preserve the coho salmon population  * Long term commitment  * Supported by government  * Partnerships with local and agencies  * Social aspects of recovery important  Science gives the information, society chooses the way
050	Li	Continues presentation on status of salmon, National Marine Fisheries Service(NMFS) listing, saying success of the Oregon Plan depends on the long-term commitment of the participants; it is a social experiment; there is no scientific basis at the present for recovery of the salmon; voluntary efforts and water shed stewardship give the element of local responsibility and with scientific guidance and management, the plan may succeed
076	Sen. Kintigh	Asks them to send their recommendations on the plan to the committee
083	Rep. Thompson	Asks about review material on management of exotic species by the society and enhanced studies of these
095	Li	Continues presentation on how the society works; exotic species introduction when a pest gets into a system
120	Rod Brobeck	Executive Director, Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation; gives background foundation which raises money for projects in fish and wildlife in Oregon; salmon restoration projects on the coast have been their projects for several years <b>(EXHIBIT F)</b>
150	Brobeck	Continues presentation on their projects for the coast  * Timber companies involved in restoration projects  * Watershed Enhancement Board, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and private grants  * Monitoring plan shows their goals, their success, and future guidance
175	Brobeck	Closes in support of the Oregon Plan and offers their help

182	Bill Bradbury	<p>Executive Director, For the Sake of the Salmon, gives presentation on goals of his organization <b>(EXHIBIT G)</b></p> <p>Earlier legislation blamed the decline of salmon to urbanization, forestry, agriculture, fish harvest, dams, the weather; the problem is all of us</p> <p>Organization's members include federal government agencies, state governments, tribal governments, local governments, timber industry, utilities, agriculture, forestry industry, environmental and conservation organizations, fishing industry</p> <p>Continues presentation on the principles and projects of the organization to work together in cooperation</p> <p>* To restore salmon to levels which ensure healthy, sustainable natural populations and support productive fisheries.</p>
308	Bradbury	<p>* Appropriate foundation of regulation and enforcement necessary to sustain salmon</p> <p>* Watershed groups say current information and ability to communicate are needed</p> <p>* Watershed workshops set up - Roseburg and Eureka, California</p> <p>* California initiative has been suspended</p> <p>* Funding sought from congress as a cooperative effort</p> <p>Locally hired coordinators working with landowners and with the federal government; President has included \$18 million in the fiscal year 1998 budget to support watershed coordinators nationwide</p>
<b>TAPE 31, B</b>		
009	Rep. Josi	Comments on the 1993 session and his experience then with Bradbury's interest and innovative efforts
011	Jim Myron	Oregon Trout, Science Review Team issue addressed; expresses that the Oregon Trout believes the Oregon Plan now has committed funding and scientific basis ensured <b>(EXHIBIT H)</b>
050	Myron	Continues that \$300,000 is needed to implement plan, suggests some changes to the Oregon Plan
		Represents sports fishing groups; comments that everyone's

056	Joe Rohleder	contributing to support the Oregon Plan has raised a level of commitment; sportsmen are willing to increase fees to help pay for the plan; need of a legislative oversight committee to oversee the implementation of the plan
075	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks if their position is that they would not appeal a non-listing position
079	Myron	Responds that is correct and they will withdraw their litigation if they are not listed
088	Rep. Kruse	Asks if he can influence others involved in the litigation to give the Oregon Plan a try and withdraw litigation
098	Myron	Responds he is doing this
101	Marcia Anderson	<p>Sierra Club, Fisheries Issues Coordinator, 14,000 members in Oregon; Sierra wants the plan adopted and fully funded; they ask for</p> <p><b>(EXHIBIT I)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Scientific framework</li> <li>* Strong monitoring needed</li> <li>* Strong enforcement mechanisms</li> <li>* Strong funding to carry out the plan</li> <li>* Commitment beyond what is in the plan is necessary</li> </ul> <p>Potentially harmful legislation is opposed</p> <p>Sierra Club's goal is similar to the For the Sake of the Salmon</p>
180	Anderson	Continues presentation and describes northern California's lack of support for coastal salmon; concludes presentation on supporting the Oregon Plan; states Sierra Club does not consider the Oregon Plan a substitute for Endangered Species listing
206	Gordon Ross	Coos County Commissioner and board member of the Association of Oregon Counties, gives the timber and salmon industries background at Coos County; gives background on his experience on the governor's committee; nonregulatory cooperative approach is the basis of governor's plan; the counties have contributed part to the plan; water masters, extension service costs need financial aid to help implement their goals
		Continues presentation on county's part in supporting restoration of salmon and healthy streams

265	Ross	* Road culverts surveyed to aid fish passage need funding * Funding needed to prevent slides into rivers * Suggests gas tax for controlling culverts and slides
	Ross	Long range view is that local communities can do it if they are allowed to; the permit process is a burden to deal with
334	Sen. Ferrioli	Comments that ordinary citizens' testimony have shown that their interest and effort is great enough to get this plan carried through
367	Joni Low	League of Oregon Cities, 238 incorporated cities in Oregon, supports the salmon restoration initiative and healthy streams partnership ( <b>EXHIBIT J</b> )
<b>TAPE 32, A</b>		
006	Low	Continues presentation on League's interest and part in supporting the partnership plan of the Oregon Plan  Local government's aid through land use ordinances, road constructions practices, affluent treatment, monitoring water quality and quantity, flow augmentation from water storage reservoirs, habitat restoration projects and participation on local watershed councils
022	Low	Continues presentation on efforts of cities to contribute to clean water  * Upgrading sewage treatment plants in cities at high costs  Idaho and Georgia are under federal regulation and if Oregon wishes to avoid this, adequate funding and staffing must be provided to implement their plan in developing point and non-point dischargers and developing management plans and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL). Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Extension Services assist landowners and public education. Commends the legislature to ensure Oregon can help itself to protect its valuable natural resources.

025 Rep. Kruse Comments that clean water in urban areas is important to the healthy streams and restoration of salmon issues

030 Chair  
Messerle Adjourns meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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## **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Reed Benson, 10 pp**

**B - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, J. Allen, 6 pp**

**C - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, J. Lee, 11 pp**

**D - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Gary Springer, 2 pp**

**E - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Hiram Li, 3 pp**

**F - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Rod Brobeck, 10 pp**

**G - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Bill Bradbury, 16 pp**

**H - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Jim Myron, 1 p**

**I - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Marcia Anderson, 2 pp**

**J - Coastal Salmon Restoration Initiative, written testimony, Joni Low, 3 pp**

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