

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND USE

March 1, 1997 Hearing Room A

9:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Veral Tarno, Chair

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Vice-Chair

Sen. Ginny Burdick

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

Sen. Bill Fisher

Sen. David Nelson

Sen. Thomas Wilde

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Zwick, Administrator

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Oregon Salmon Restoration Initiative

and Healthy Streams Partnership

Public Testimony

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments

Joint meeting with House Committee on Water Policy. Please see minutes from House Committee on Water Policy dated March 1, 1997.

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March 1, 1997 Tillamook, Oregon

1:00 P.M. Tapes 33 - 34

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Veral Tarno, Chair

Sen. Ted Ferrioli

VISITING REPRESENTATIVES

PRESENT: Rep. Tim Josi

Rep. Jim Welsh

Rep. Larry Sowa

STAFF PRESENT:

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Julie Havel, Administrative Support

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Tape 33,A		
005	Chair Tarno	Calls meeting to order at 1:14pm and introduces Rep. Tim Josi and Congressman Bob Smith.
020	Rep. Josi	Compares the salmon problem to "two trains coming at each other at breakneck speed," with the dairy and timber industries caught in the middle. Explains the two trains are the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.
048	Rep. Josi	Gives overview of the basic components of the Oregon Plan and the proposed funding.

090	Rep. Josi	Continues overview, stating that this is a bi-partisan effort.
100	U.S. Rep. Smith	Praises Oregon for being the first state in the nation to address the recovery of the salmon. Shares his concerns about the problem and points out the mere mention of endangered species always seems to result in the loss of jobs. Uses example of the "short nose sucker" in Klamath County. States that it's the 12,000 farmers who are the endangered species.
141	U.S. Rep. Smith	Continues comments, stating we must first identify the problem, and then take action to correct it. States he wants to hear from locals about how the money is spent. It will be a political decision made in Washington D.C. Asks if \$30-million will be enough. States it is at least a place to begin.
194	Sen. Ferrioli	States the spawning grounds for the salmon are in the uplands of his district. States that if they do nothing and allow the coastal salmon to be listed, the Federal Government will dictate where the management plan. Explains the alternative is to take the job of preventing the listing into their own hands with an Oregon plan that works for Oregonians and folks here in Tillamook.
243	Rep. Welsh	States his district contains two very large watersheds, the Siuslaw and the Umpqua. Shares his concerns about the issue of salmon restoration and the need to develop a balance between habitat management, salmon recovery, and industrial interests. States the best way to accomplish this effort is through the Oregon Plan.
294	Rep. Sowa	States his district contains many sports fishermen, and he thinks it's time to re-build fish runs before they're classified as endangered species.
313	Chair Tarno	Shares his concerns among the people in his district about the salmon crisis and it's effect on their lives.
347	Paul Hanneman	Government Relations Consultant, praises U.S. Rep. Smith's and Sen. Tarno's past accomplishments in this area.
<u>PUBLIC HEARING - OREGON SALMON RESTORATION INITIATIVE AND HEALTHY STREAMS PARTNERSHIP</u>		
390	Ron Hurliman	Vice- President, Tillamook County Creamery Association, introduces Rich Felly, Manager of the Tillamook Soil & Water Conservation Commission. Gives update on the cooperative efforts of local

		programs.
TAPE 34, A		
037	Mark Labhart	Oregon State Department of Forestry, gives overview of what's been accomplished in the forest lands in Tillamook County and what still needs to be done (EXHIBITS A & B) .
087	Labhart	Continues presentation, explaining what still needs to be done to help solve the salmon crisis. States we need to complete the fish habitat surveys in Tillamook County. Emphasizes the importance of continued watershed management, road assessments and other projects that have been started and urges committee to fund those projects. Highlights possible funding sources.
145	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks what effect a Federal listing on the Coho Salmon would have on the level of cooperation between various agencies and private landowners.
159	Labhart	States it will become very complicated.
171	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks follow-up question regarding nature of relationships with Federal Government on this issue.
191	Labhart	States they are seeing some of the Federal partners coming through and offering assistance to help fund solutions on state forest lands.
202	Rep. Josi	Asks Labhart to explain the "taking provision" and the effects it would have if there were to be a listing.
216	Labhart	Gives overview of provision and definition of "take," stating it is the take rule that scares private forest landowners. Explains the "short answer" is that the provision will make life a lot more uncomfortable for these folks.
252	Labhart	States the importance of working cooperatively with each other to bring back the Coho and adds rules and regulations make that very difficult. Urges committee to adopt the restoration plan and let them prove they can do it voluntarily.
271	Harold Schild	General Manager, Tillamook County Creamery Association, explains what the creamery is doing to help deal with the problems and its commitment to continuing production here in Tillamook County.
325	Schild	Continues comments, stating the creamery business understands the importance of the problem.
348	Vicki Goodman	Watershed Councils, gives overview of projects and explains the level of commitment on the part of dairy farmers and of success of rural watershed project.
TAPE 33, B		

022	Goodman	Continues testimony, explaining components of the Tillamook County Methane Energy and Agriculture Development Project, which currently involves 31 farms. 135 tons per year of raw manure are taken from dairy farms, treated and returned to the dairy as an odorless, pathogen-free liquid nutrient which farmers will use to fertilize their pastures. Adds other parts will be combined with logyard waste from local lumber mills and made into a high quality potting soil which will be sold on the retail market.
072	Goodman	Continues presentation, giving overview of Watershed Councils, and urges committee to provide some public dollars to turn the current volunteers into paid staff so they can continue operating them.
079	Chair Tarno	States there will likely be funding for one coordinator in the Governor's Water Enhancement Board (GWEB) budget package.
087	Goodman	States they have one watershed coordinator who is currently handling five watershed councils. Explains they applied for funding through GWEB to pay for more coordinator positions but were denied.
092	Valerie Folkema	Garibaldi Marina, testifies in favor of governor's plan to restore Coho.
134	Folkema	Urges committee to consider funding hatch-box programs.
136	Chair Tarno	States he is a real fan of hatch-box programs.
152	Chair Tarno	Asks if there are any such programs still operating here.
158	Folkema	States there are not.
162		Discussion continues on hatchery programs and native fisheries.
183	Sen. Ferrioli	States we need to be in control of our natural resource destiny, and it needs to be the local people who hold the Federal folks responsible.
190	Folkema	States she is among the many who do not want to see the last fish, cow or tree gone, because they depend on it for their livelihoods.
210	Rep. Welsh	Asks if there were genetically strengthened strains of eggs available, would the local people here be supportive of hatch-boxes.
220	Folkema	States if they could find a genetically pure fish, she is certain they would, but states it will be very difficult to determine what "genetically pure" is.
245		Discussion continues on the possibility of making such programs a reality.

251	Norm Myers	Pacific Coast Appraisals, shares his concerns about the damage done to the fish population by seals and sea lions and how there needs to be a balance in controlling the explosive population of these predators.
308	Rep. Welsh	States the importance of addressing all the issues, such as the predators and ocean conditions, and that this committee has considered them all, even those we have no control over.
335	Bob McPheeters	Tillamook Mayor and League of Oregon Cities Boardmember, testifies that this is a priority item for all cities in Oregon because it is a quality of life issue. States the League and Association of Oregon Counties put up money for an independent analysis of the plan.
TAPE 34, B		
003	McPheeters	Continues testimony, declaring his support for the plan, and states the need to do things pro-actively, instead of re-actively.
011	Sen. Ferrioli	Asks for and receives clarification on findings of analysis, and asks for copy of analysis.
033	Lorraine Vandecoevering	Troller Charters of Garibaldi, states Oregon Coast Charter boats bring guests from all over the world here, and it is extremely important for them to be able to continue doing that business.
047	Chair Tarno	Explains the committee will start considering a bill, gives tentative time frame, and states he doesn't want to list the Coho if he can help it.
064	Sen. Ferrioli	States his appreciation for Chair Tarno's decision to bring this group here today.
068	Chair Tarno	Adjourns meeting at 2:43pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Fisheries Restoration Project Overview, Mark Labhart, 7pp.

B - Project statistics, Mark Labhart, 2pp.