

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENT

March 27, 1995 Hearing Room 343
1:00 P.M. Tapes 58, 59,

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair
Sen. Bill Bradbury
Sen. Bill Dwyer
Sen. Tom Hartung
Sen. Rod Johnson, Vice-Chair
Sen. Marylin Shannon

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce McIntosh, Committee Administrator
Catrina Victor, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD: SB -70 7, Public Hearing and Work
Session
SB -946, Public Hearing and Work
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Tape 58A.

03 Chair Kintigh: Opens meeting 1:08 P.M.
04 Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB -707
10 Paul Hannaman: Cloverdale, OR resident. Explains previous examples
methods of moving
the salmon and in the increase of predators on the juvenile salmon.
48 Jim Erickson: Has actively been involved with the saving of the smolts.
Explains the
methods of attempting to save and move the fish.
88 Chair Kintigh: How long does this program need to be in effect?
92 Erickson: April 15-June 15th. Approximately two months.

104 Sen. Dwyer: Why do we want this bill? Do they issue permits?
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120 Erickson: We have successfully used these methods to scare the birds and think it should be used on a larger scale. One year they issued permits.

140 Erickson: Begins video presentation and explains the materials being viewed.

180 Sen. Dwyer: What was the content in the birds stomachs?

185 Erickson: 100% smolts.

225 Sen. Hartung: What is the definition of a smolt?

227 Sen. Dwyer: Any fish going to the ocean for the first time.

248 Erickson: We can prevent the smolts from being eaten by using fast boats to scare the birds away.

262 Sen. Bradbury: Why do we need to have this bill?

275 Erickson: We are tired. Now we want a program where a person is hired to do our recent work. Previously we had a "sugar daddy" to pay our expenses. Now, we do not.

303 Sen. Dwyer: what do they eat instead if you chase them away?

310 Erickson: They eat another kinds of fish located farther out into the ocean.

327 Sen. Bradbury: What do you think the fish did before we were here?

330 Erickson: I'm not sure. We need to think of the future now.

350 Sen. Dwyer: I think this is a good bill.

357 Sen. Hartung: I am in favor of this bill.

410 Paul Hannaman: States that the group testifying has only included a limited area within the State and that at another time may wish to include other areas.

Tape 59A,

11 Sen. Bradbury: What exactly are we paying for?

15 Erickson: Gas, boat expenses and labor. We could offer out the work to the out of work guides and have them submit bids.

40 Sen. Bradbury: I'm trying to figure out the rough cost of the actual expenses for a total of six weeks or 60 days.

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77 Joe Roelher: OG&P. We are in favor of any bill that would harass these predators

We would like to eventually see all the Oregon bays take part in this program. In favor of this bill.

91 William Erickson: Describes personal experiences dealing with the birds and the taking of smolts.

140 Rod Ingram: ODF&W. See exhibit B. States no studies have shown or been given toODF&W to show a decrease in the killing of smolts by the birds or the saving of them by the speed boat sweeps.

180 Sen. Bradbury: Can you give me specific examples?

190 Chris Barry: ODF&W. We have shown an increase in other rivers not just the Nehalm.

The return rates have been identical to return rates to each fishery sites.
231 Sen. Dwyer: We have seen that these fish do attract the birds. Why have no studies been done?

244 Ingram: We have not had the funds to look at this single predator, nor a permit by the

Federal Government to do so. Saving the fish from one predator does not mean it will be safe from another predator.

291 Sen. Johnson: Can these birds be hunted?

298 Ingram: The Federal government does not allow it at this time. Through the Federal process you may get them listed for hunting.

322 Sen. Johnson: Why should we be letting these birds eat an endangered species? Why can't

we just shoot them?

344 Ingram: If you open it up to these birds then what do you do with the sea gulls and other predators?

370 Sen. Bradbury: If we give you the funds to do this would you approve?

383 Ingram: We are in fear that the money will come our existing budget. Especially if there

is no proof that this works. Money could be wasted.

407 Sen. Dwyer: What if we cut the dollars requested? Suggest that speed boat racing could be initiated to scare off the prey.

Tape 58B!

06 Ingram: The more "0's" removed from the dollars requested, the more I like it.

10 Joel Jordan: In support of this bill. Has seen them take hundreds of fish.

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40 Stephen Kafoury: Oregon Biologist. We are against the bill. No evidence is shown the birds

are a problem. There is no "verifiable science" on the claims made.

89 Sen. Dwyer: How much did this group spend on the bear and cougar studies?

90 Kafoury: I do not know.

95 Sen. Dwyer: Sometimes there is a time to talk and sometimes there is a time to act.

This is a time to act.

124 Kafoury: This group should be making policy, not dealing with details of wildlife management.

151 Chair Kintigh: Do the hatcheries have a program to prevent the loss of smolts?

158 Kafoury: No.

170 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -707

173 Opens WORK SESSION on SB -707

175 Sen. Dwyer: Requests to remove one of the "0" on line 14 in the bill.

180 Sen. Bradbury: Recommends an estimated dollar amount needed in this program. Proposes that it be amended to appropriate the funds needed to operate, not take money from the existing budget or existing programs.

200 Sen. Dwyer: Takes previous amendment beck.

220 MOTION: SEN. BRADBURY: Moves SB -707 as amended to the subsequent committee and to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

VOTE: 6-0 MOTION CARRIED. All members present.

260 Opens PUBLIC HEARING on SB -946

270 Jack Graham: Horse and equestrian trainer. See exhibit F. Explains the bill itself and the amendments. Reviews the previous bill in the last session.

440 Sen. Dwyer: Why are you reluctant to define "schooling show?"

Tape 59B.

39 Graham: Clarifies.

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54 Representative Kate Brown: I fully support this bill. Clinics and schooling shows are essential for competition and the learning. My horse, Morgan, and I encourage you to pass this bill.

84 Sen. Dwyer: I want you to define "schooling shows."

90 Sen. Johnson: There is a lot of young people that learn from horse training. I think it is very worthwhile for young people.

108 Bob Roley: Horse trainer. All we are asking for is a few words to be amended into the bill.

Schooling shows are non sanctioned events.

135 Kent Muhle and Students: Explains his support for SB -946 and his current horse facility.

Personally holds two small "schooling shows" a year. These shows help to build confidence in the students. Relays the personal problems in permitting his facility, the inconsistencies, and discrepancy from the county. Reads letters sent from parents' of the children present.

280 Burton Brawley: Retired doctor. In favor of this bill. Gave an analogy of boys practicing

baseball and never being able to play a game. It's the same with the girls not being able to ride and compete.

309 Tom Brawley: In favor of SB -946. Perhaps the group could seek counsel to define the necessary verbiage.

340 Sen. Hartung: Gives personal experience of horses and his relationship with this industry.

Feels Schooling show shouldn't be defined through counsel.

400 Closes PUBLIC HEARING on SB -946

402 Opens WORK SESSION on SB -946

410 MOTION: SEN. HARTUNG: Moves S1 -946 to the floor with a "DO PASS" recommendation.

412 VOTE: 5-1. MOTION CARRIED.

AYE: Bradbury, Hartung, Johnson, Shannon, Kintigh

NO: Dwyer

Sen. Hartung to carry.

418 Close WORK SESSION on SB -946

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A-Staff Measure Summarv and SB -707/ 2 pg.

B-Letter bv Rod Ingram on SB -707/ 3 pg.

C-Staff Measure Summarv and bill copy/ 4 pg.

D-Letter of testimony bv Phil Ward/ 1 pg.

E- Letter submitted bv Jack Graham on SB -946/ 3 pg.

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