

SENATE COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

January 20, 1995 Hearing Room 343
1:00 P.M. Tapes 6,7

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bob Kintigh, Chair
Sen. Bill Bradbury
Sen. Bill Dwyer
Sen. Rod Johnson, Vice-Chair

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Marylin Shannon is on a Committee trip to Portland
Sen. Tom Hartung is in Florida on a convention

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce McIntosh, Committee Administrator
Catrina Victor, Committee Assistant

MEASURES HEARD:

SB -160, Public Hearing
HB -2538 (Previous Session), Informational Meeting

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TAPE 6A.

06 Chair Kintigh: Meeting called to order- 1:05 P.M.
08 Rod Ingram and Mike Golden of the Department of Fish and Wildlife:
Members introduce the implementation of house Bill 2538 from 1993.
See file folder and handouts from the department.
45 Mr. Ingram: References the limited number of hunting tags per family.
49 Chair Kintigh: Does the term "family" include grandchildren?
51 Mr. Ingram: Yes.
66 Mr. Ingram: Project is designed to establish a program to increase the
population of Black
Tailed Deer. Project name "Preference point system" see description of
program in the
handout materials

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101 Mr. Ingram: Reviews his handout/exhibit A. Regarding the funding 900
thousands acres of land for public access in hunt. The department is trying
to improve their customer service skills to better serve the communities.

128 Mike Golden: Goals to improve report with the landowners and the
government. He deals with concerns that landowners have directly with the
government. See Exhibit A.

165 Mr. Golden: Refers to the many articles/news clippings of goals and
contributions of the landowners. A recognition program has been developed
for its members in appreciation.

204 Mr. Golden: Points out the variety of marketing items in the booklet.
Stickers, notebooks and flyers. These items will help better publicize
their programs.

238 Mr. Ingram and Mr. Golden: Conclude presentation. Ask for questions.

245 Sen. Johnson: Applauds their efforts.

247 Sen. Bradbury: Commends the department for their work. So far have done
a fine job.

270 Chair Kintigh: Do you think the communication has improved?

273 Mr. Golden: Yes. Landowner communication, their organizations, and hunters'

communication has improved tremendously, but a long way to go.

283 Chair Kintigh: To calculate the population levels, you're not setting levels at a maximum

level but at a sustainable level. Is that correct?

292 Mr. Ingram: Yes, optimum levels were reached in some cases. Sometimes compromised

levels were obtained also. The numbers varied. Good reviews were received from the staff to

reach that were achieved.

305 Chair Kintigh: Regarding landowner preference tags, you mentioned that landowners could

receive extra tags for doing certain things. Like what?

325 Mr. Ingram: The extra tag criteria has not been set up. An example could be a landowner

giving proper land access or show wildlife habitat improvements. Tags could be boosted from

2 to 6 tags per person/landowner.

334 Sen. Dwyer: Can these tags be sold by the landowners?

340 Mr. Ingram: No that's not allowed. The tags have to be used on the land designated by the

landowner and used by the landowner or immediate family.

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15 Chair Kintigh: End of questions for the Fish and Wildlife representatives. Move to next witness.

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60 Set up the slide show presentation finished. Presentation by the Department of Forestry

begins.

62 Fred Robinson: Introduces Charlie Stone, Department of Forestry

Tape 7A.

65 Charlie Stone: Discusses the slide show. Gives a definition of clear cut. Explains the proposed harvest categories and gives examples.

175 Mr. Stone: Discusses Bill #1125 showing photos for specific examples of each category of

harvest.

204 Mr. Robinson: Concludes slide show and refers to exhibit B sections 1, 3, and 5.

227 Mr. Stone: Reads sections from presented materials.

254 Mr. Stone: Change the wording of "Standardized prescriptions" in the bill to read "general

vegetation." We're trying to clean up the language of this bill.

314 Mr. Stone: Is representing the Department of Transportation today and that office supports

this bill.

335 Mr. Stone: Gives example of the "opening up" the view in a visually sensitive corridor.

Private landowners are not required to harvest timber, but if they choose to, must follow statute guidelines.

340 Sen. Johnson: Reference to section 8 clarification.

345 Mr. Stone: States clarification of section 8 and points out additional clarification located in section 9.

350 Sen. Johnson: Are private landowners compensated for this act?

354 Mr. Stone: No, there is no compensation. But the requirements are a delay in the ability to harvest timber. It's a method of staggered cutting, not a total prohibition.

Tape 6B

Scenic Corridor Harvesting

15 Chair Kintigh: You've basically changed the rule to suit your needs?

20 Mr. Stone: Yes, you could say that.

22 Mr. Stone: Hope to change 90 days to 180 days for the period in which to hold a hearing. To allow for more negotiations.

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34 Chair Kintigh: This additional time is to try and settle a landowner disputes.

40 Mr. Stone: There currently is a 28 day block.

45 Sen. Bradbury: What are other reasons you have to submit a plan?

69 Sen. Bradbury: What in your opinion has changed since that time?

Tape 6B

77 Mr. Stone: Gives examples of the shade requirements for the standards. The old rule was often a plan that could be negotiated.

91 Mr. Robinson: The numbers of not)fications have risen drastically in recent years. Of the total number about 109,0 require a written plan.

109 Mr. Stone: Wildlife leave trees. We wish to continue with the current requirements.

134 David Mormon: Sections 7, 8, and 11. We have an inventory list of the landowners to show the timber decay and how the snags are being taken care of. Currently tracking the progress of the planting and harvesting of the timber.

172 Sen. Johnson: Where is this located?

176 Mr. Stone: Responds

179 Sen. Johnson: Briefly describe each category of the harvest type in short terms rather than in number category.

191 Mr. Mormon: Examples.

222 Sen. Johnson: Referring to the Q and A sheet. On question 2 can you expand? Give an example?

240 Mr. Mormon: Responds

254 Mr. Robinson: This concept was developed primarily by the eastern Oregon individuals.

270 Chair Kintigh: Which cuts trigger the size limits? Do you allow your employees any flexibility?

277 Mr. Stone: Category three. Yes, on occasion.

283 Chair Kintigh: Gave examples of no flexibility.

293 Sen. Johnson: Refers to clarification within the bill to cover this item.

Requests new language with some flexibility be given to himself and the Chair.

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314 Mr. Robinson: Concludes Presentation. Recommends passage of the bill.

327 Ray Wilkeson: Briefly brings up Bill 1125. His department supports this bill.

353 Sen. Bradbury: Do you think the whole down tree leave issue be dealt with through the board rather than through statutes?

365 Mr. Wilkeson: In the past it was opened up to the legislation so the public would be at ease and feel they were being represented. We were trying to win the confidence of the voting public.

Tape 7B

10 Sen. Johnson: What is the consensus of your staff?

20 Mr. Wilkeson: The standards have become more costly and created a great deal of new rules.

33 Sen. Johnson: Do you get the feeling they have reached an equilibrium?

42 Mr. Wilkeson: With the many rules and items that are being required by the public, the public should then be required to help out in the costs of these new regulations they are helping to establish.

54 Chair Kintigh: Move on to next witness.

SS Jill Farnowitz: From the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department. See exhibit D.

Reads submitted exhibit as testimony.

73 Chair Kintigh: Move to next witness.

77 David Moskowitz: Oregon Trout. Concerned with the "technical jargon" of this bill and it could be simplified for the general public. Very complicated language. They recommend this bill being restructured in "lay language."

140 Mr. Moskowitz: References page 8 line 12 scenic vistas. Concerned that when in reference to water it may be treated differently than the scenic vistas viewing peaks/mountains.

183 Mr. Moskowitz: In this bill the word usage of "clear cut harvest" could be pulled out and reworded. Concerned with the waiver description.

191 Sen. Bradbury: Scenic highway area waiver is mentioned in provisions on page. 4, 5, and 6.

please refer to the tapes.