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Informational Meeting

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

January 18, 1991Hearing Room C 8:30 a.m. Tapes 4 - 7

MEMBERS PRESENT:Sen. Dick Springer Sen. Joyce Cohen, Vice-Chair
Sen. John Brenneman Sen. Shirley Gold Sen. Bob Kintigh Sen. Eugene
Timms

MEMBER EXCUSED: Sen. Wayne Fawbush

STAFF PRESENT: Peter Green, Committee Administrator Chris Beck,
Research Associate Kus Soumie, Committee Assistant

WITNESSES: Don Hull, Department of Geology Gary
Lynch, Department of Geology and Mineral Resources Janet Neuman,
Division of State Lands Pam Wiley, Division of State Lands Randy Fisher,
Department of Fish and Wildlife Richard Corrison, Department of fish and
Wildlife Bill Blosser, Department of Land Conservation and Development
Susan Brodie, Department of Land Conservation and Development

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TAPE 4, SIDE A

003 CHAIR SPRINGER CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:30 AM

AGENCY OVERVIEW: DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

015 DON HULL, State Geologist, Director of the Department of Geology and
Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), presents agency overview and introduces
EXHIBIT A, B, C

048 CHAIR SPRINGER: Please outline responsibilities of your governing
board as outlined in EXHIBIT B

052 HULL: The three member governing board, currently chaired by Sid
Johnson, John Stevens, Ron Culbertson. The board controls all DOGAMI'S
activities, both regulatory and geologic, as well as setting policy for

the staff. Hires and fires the State Geologist.

064 CHAIR SPRINGER: We would welcome their participation at any time when they find it convenient or appropriate.

067 HULL: - continues overview

071 CHAIR SPRINGER: Where do these meetings typically take place?

072 HULL: Meetings take place in all corners of Oregon, with about half of them taking place in Portland.

085 HULL: - continues overview on Agency mission and goal statements - SB 95 and related issues - policy discussions

145 CHAIR SPRINGER: Describe your relationship with the State's institutions of Higher learning along with primary and secondary schools, and address the deficiency in geography and geology.

149 HULL: We have always had very strong links with the State's Higher Educational Institutions and maintain these by working with professors. We also maintain relationships out of state universities who offer particular talents not available in Oregon Schools. We have not historically worked with primary or secondary schools.

174 SEN TIMMS: How has last sessions coordinated effort with DOGAMI being the lead agency in mining permits?

177 HULL: It has worked very well and has given us a stronger voice and a more coordinated mechanism allowing stronger local government input on government land mining operations.

188 GARY LYNCH, DOGAMI Land, Mine and Reclamation Program, gives input on DOGAMI team permitting system. - metal mining system - legislative package is necessary to complete agency goals. - Oregon is at the forefront of land use issue - cooperation in presenting the best environmental permitting

214 SEN TIMMS: Problems in Baker County with the State Lands Division, who are the final permittee for the placer mines requesting permit.

223 HULL: Janet Neuman who is the Representative of State Lands Division can respond later to that inquiry.

241 SEN KINTIGH: Mineral fuels are listed as under your jurisdiction, do you also deal with geothermal? If so to what extent?

246 HULL: DOGAMI has two roles - We inventory resources, and define the potential for a that resource with Federal and local planners

- regulatory role, for higher geothermal energy which is developed from wells beyond threshold depths of 2,000 feet

-short fall in the budget could affect our regulatory role in the future

263 TIMMS: Is there a large potential in Oregon for development of this energy potential?

264 HULL: All information, including recent surveys in Eastern Oregon,

suggests a great potential for this type of energy production if we want to use it.

- Proposed legislation see EXHIBIT A

397 CHAIR SPRINGER: I have concern for the fact that the Capitol Dome is vulnerable to collapse in the event of a sharp or prolonged earth quake. Is there a process whereby Public buildings such as hospitals, schools, etc., can be targeted as priorities for potential risks, based on sub-soil characteristics?

412 HULL: There is no systematic program inventory for current buildings, devising building codes for new buildings is a more efficient and less costly way to go about the solution of this problem initially.

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002 CHAIR SPRINGER: Has DOGAMI reviewed any of the legislation that was generated in California around earthquake preparedness?

011 HULL: John Boleo, Deputy Director of DOGAMI has reviewed some of those Concepts, and some of those ideas have been brought back to the Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission, which is covered in SB 96. We are continuing to review these ideas which are mandated in SB 95 from last session.

021 CHAIR SPRINGER: You are invited to join our discussion of these issues next week.

056 HULL: Concludes overview of legislative package for 91 session.

126 SEN KINTIGH: Is there considerable drilling going on now?

128 HULL: In the next biennium we foresee permit applications for 60 geothermal wells, requiring multiple inspections.

164 JANET NEUMAN, Acting Director of the Division of State Lands, gives agency overview and introduces Legislative proposals EXHIBIT D

264 - continues agency overview

318 SEN COHEN: How much controversy is left on the car importing facility and the advisability thereof?

321 NEUMAN: We have verbal support from the Port of Portland. The issue is whether or not we can bring new business to the State. There are ongoing negotiations, which lead us to believe this will be a success story. Two years remain on phase one to obtain manufacturers contract to start the importing process. Controversy has settled.

- DSL's generated income goes into the common school fund, and is divided semi-annually and paid to the counties for distribution to the school districts on a per student basis

- change in law by constitutional amendment and Legislation to include other types of investments, rather than just bonds, of the common school fund principal producing more fund distribution over time than previously.

378 - management of the State's wet lands regulation planning and public

education.

390 CHAIR SPRINGER: How are these extra programs being funded?

395 NEUMAN: It is a draw on the common school fund, and an increase on removal fill application permit fees. That is one of the impacts of Measure 5.

416 CHAIR SPRINGER: Do you see any impact on Forest/land management and sales as a result of the either a slump in the timber market or the impact of the ban on the export of raw timber from State Lands?

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002 NEUMAN: We have no specific projections on that. We expect impacts from logging issues and endangered species. Revenue has been several million more than expected in spite of these issues.

012 CHAIR SPRINGER: In the Thomas Report, areas recommended for reserves included those portions of Clatsop and Umatilla County.

020 NEUMAN: Some impact is expected in the Elliot State Forest, however there have been some substitutions where Owl Impact was suspected thus avoiding severe financial reduction.

025 PAM WILEY, Deputy Director of the Division of State Lands, maps for the Thomas Report did not include any of the Elliot in the habitat conservation areas.

028 SEN TIMMS: How much money is income earned on investments in DSL?

033 NEUMAN: Last biennial budget was approximately \$6 million.

035 TIMMS: That is what would have gone into the school fund, and went instead in to the Division of State Lands?

037 WILEY: Yes.

040 TIMMS: Continues questions about funds distribution.

044 NEUMAN: Gives overview of Measure 5 impact and Legislative package.
EXHIBIT D

045 CHAIR SPRINGER: Speaks about issues of adjacent docks on public water ways.

101 NEUMAN: We have been working with The Marine Board on that issue, and will be happy to answer questions on any of our Legislative Concepts, in conclusion to this summery.

128 CHAIR SPRINGER: When is the next Land Board Meeting?

129 NEUMAN: February 25, 1991

138 RANDY FISHER, Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, presents agency overview and EXHIBIT E

201 SEN COHEN: Where is the second level of income coming from?

202 FISHER: National Marine Fisheries Service, which is primarily for

hatcheries.

- continues agency budget and staff time division overview

302 - presents current data on measure 5 impact

- Poundage fee increases to offset budget cuts to the Oregon State Police who handle our enforcement division

334 CHAIR SPRINGER: What is the total amount of that contract?

335 FISHER: Expenditures are about \$15 million while resources equal about \$14 million. Either expenditures or reduce base budget.

364 BRENNEMAN: Where are current county fees going at this point?

377 RICHARD CORRISON, Assistant Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Currently the poundage fees go to the general fund, and produce approximately \$2 million per year.

388 FISHER: continues with overview presentation.

414 CORRISON: Gives 20 year history of Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Sport vs Commercial fish wildlife programs and their revenue funding.

420 FISHER: agency overview continues

449 SEN TIMMS: Will limited entry on game tags reduce the number of out of state hunters who can go into Lake County?

451 FISHER: The agency would like to reduce out of state hunting to 5 per cent in any area.

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002 FISHER: continues measure 5 impact overview. - fee increases - restoration and enhancement program - shellfish licenses - enforcement package raising amount for poaching bounties confiscation of vehicles and equipment

043 SEN KINTIGH: Have these fees been publicized or discussed? And do you anticipate a certain reaction to these proposals?

047 FISHER: We have received considerable reaction to the poundage fee increase.

069 SEN COHEN: How are you discussing budget back filing with those individuals who have a an interest in habitat and wildlife issues?

078 FISHER: This is one of our more difficult tasks. We may end up asking for more funding or decrease in services or a combination of both.

114 CORRISON: Habitat management is the main area of change in the Department of Fish and Wildlife. One third of it's personal services on this area, as advisors to other agencies. Fishers and hunters cannot foot the bill for these activities long term.

125 SEN COHEN: Have you begun with the transition team to start dealing

with these issues in a gentle way?

131 FISHER: Yes, we have explored that with Sen. Thorn, Kitzhaber and others trying to let them know what is going to happen and what the options are.

145 SEN COHEN: Are you considering these options this session?

149 FISHER: There is an interest for this session.

153 SEN TIMMS: There is a need to inform people of the 5 percent limit on out of State tags.

223 CHAIR SPRINGER: Could you give me some information on endangered Salmon?

224 FISHER: Angus Duncan is the State's representative on the Salmon Summit, and we have put together some possible short and long term solutions to this problem. We are conferring with the Indian representatives and seeing if there is some agreement at least on the short term list. If Salmon are listed as Endangered, Fall Chinook will have reduced harvest. The dialogue is starting to increase.

257 SEN BRENNEMAN: In November 1990, a think tank on this issue came up with the idea of a viaduct system running parallel with the Columbia River. Is that feasible?

269 FISHER: It is doubtful that plan will manifest, however many new and innovative ideas are being looked at.

359 - continues agency overview

391 SEN TIMMS: I would like the game tag fee information for Oregon as well as the bordering 4 states.

417 BILL BLOSSER, Department of Land Conservation and Development, presents agency overview, see EXHIBIT F

- presents consensus bill

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008 BLOSSER: Continues agency overview

- gives list of appointed commissioners

033 SUSAN BRODIE, Director, Department Land Conservation and Development, presents agency organizational, policy and fiscal overview see EXHIBIT G

400 BLOSSER: Continues agency overview and addresses the question of non-compliance by certain State agencies, advice is asked from the committee on these issues.

TAPE 7 SIDE A

035 VICE CHAIR COHEN ADJOURNS MEETING AT 11:16 A.M.

EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Agency overview - Don Hull - 3 pages B - Agency overview
- Don Hull - 13 pages C - Agency overview - Don Hull - 1 page
D - Agency overview - Janet Neuman - 15 pages E - Agency
overview - Randy Fisher - 2 pages F - Agency overview - Bill
Blosser - 5 pages G - Agency overview - Susan Brodie - 23 pages

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