

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF COOS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of County Position Related to )  
OAR 635-007-0502 Oregon's Native Fish ) RESOLUTION  
Conservation Policy ) 13-05-057C

NOW BEFORE THE Board of Commissioners sitting for the transaction of County business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 is the matter of reducing or eliminating the stocking of hatchery salmonids in streams or rivers in Coos County.

**WHEREAS**, there is no genetic difference between hatchery raised salmonids by modern practices and naturally spawned salmonids.

**WHEREAS**, thousands of volunteers and thousands of school children have spent hundreds of thousands of hours raising salmonids. Millions of local dollars have been spent raising salmonids.

**WHEREAS**, the economic loss of millions of dollars of revenue by eliminating hatchery releases is a further blow to the already devastating economic losses in the timber, commercial fishing, farming and manufacturing industries in our county.

**WHEREAS**, the sociological factors of crowding fishermen into less opportunity to fish will not be beneficial for the sport or the remaining resource. Also, families (especially children) want to catch fish. By eliminating fishing opportunities, the Native Fish Policy eliminates children and family fishing opportunities.

**WHEREAS**, Under GOAL 6: AIR, WATER AND LAND RESOURCES QUALITY OAR 660-015-0000(6)(A)(6) Plans of state agencies before they are adopted should be coordinated with and reviewed by local agencies with respect to the impact of these plans on the air, water and land resources in the planning area. ODF&W has not coordinated with Coos County their plans to reduce fish planting.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Coos County Commissioners oppose eliminating hatchery releases of salmonids in selected Coos County streams and ODF&W is required to coordinate with Coos County.

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to increase (double) the hatchery releases in all Coos County streams and rivers.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

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Approved as to form:

Office of Legal Counsel

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

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## Coos County STEP

June 11, 2013

In Coos County, our protection and enhancement of naturally produced salmonids is unrivalled.

Over thirty years ago we began systematically eliminating foreign stock usage in the county.

Only the very best spawning techniques have been used to insure that the genetic variability in hatchery populations in the county is the same as naturally produced salmonids. Genetic diversity, health and vigor is accomplished, by maximizing the number male and female contributing salmonids used in the fertilization process. Last fall (2012) over 3,000 family units (independent gene pools) were used for Chinook program.

In addition, less than 10% of salmonids stray into streams other than their home streams. My opinion is that the stray factor is a way for mother nature to diversify the gene pool of a particular stream.

Genetics of a salmonid is not altered just because a fin is clipped!