

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife Fish Passage Program

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Anderson

On Monday, February 21st, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in the amount of \$1.2 million to support fish passage and screening projects.

This grant funding is available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 and if awarded would be used to improve fish passage for the Wallowa Lake Dam that is being rehabilitated. The 2021 Legislature provided \$14 million in Lottery bonds in SB 5534 to fund rehabilitation of the dam which was built in 1919 without fish passage or screening structures.

The grant application deadline is February 28th and the grant does not require a state match.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.