

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Planning Assistance**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative K. Pham

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On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$1,000,000 for continued development of the Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan.

Funding will pass through to the Oregon Department of Forestry, who will utilize it for development of the Public Draft Habitat Conservation Plan document, as well as the drafted Environmental Impact Statement.

The Department appeared before the Subcommittee in advance of the application deadline of March 2, 2023. Award announcements are expected by June 30, 2023, and there is a state match requirement of 25% which will be met by the Department of Forestry using existing General Fund and Harvest Tax dollars at a 60-40 split. The Department does not need additional position authority or funding for this opportunity.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.