

House Bill 2219

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, WRIGHT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Instructs State Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish by rule certain requirements for sea urchin commercial fishery to address proliferation of purple sea urchins.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to sea urchins; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 508.760.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 508.760 is amended to read:

5 508.760. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of the commercial fishing laws, **the State Fish**
6 **and Wildlife Commission shall, by rule, establish a system for regulating participation in the**
7 **sea urchin commercial fishery** in order to:

8 (a) Provide a sea urchin (*Strongylocentrotus franciscanus*, *S. purpuratus* and *S. droebachiensis*)
9 commercial fishery with optimum profits to those engaged in the fishery [*and to*].

10 (b) Prevent a concentration of fishing effort that would deplete the [*resource, the State Fish and*
11 *Wildlife Commission, by rule, shall establish a system for limiting participation in the sea urchin*
12 *commercial fishery. Any such system may include, but is not limited to, provisions on the following*
13 *matters:*] **sea urchin populations.**

14 (c) **Address the proliferation of *S. purpuratus* and resulting negative effects on kelp beds.**

15 (2) **The system must:**

16 (a) [*Establishment of*] **Establish** criteria for initial entry into fishery participation and for annual
17 qualification for participation thereafter.

18 (b) [*Establishment of*] **Establish** terms and conditions for transferring participation rights.

19 (c) **Establish criteria and conditions specific to the *S. purpuratus* fishery that, among**
20 **other conditions, allow an unlimited number of persons to participate in the *S. purpuratus***
21 **fishery.**

22 (d) **Designate kelp beds that have been negatively affected by *S. purpuratus* as kelp res-**
23 **toration areas.**

24 (e) **Designate kelp beds that are threatened by high concentrations of *S. purpuratus* as**
25 **kelp bed areas of risk.**

26 (f) **Authorize the taking of *S. purpuratus*, in and around kelp beds and within the kelp**
27 **restoration areas and kelp bed areas of risk designated under paragraphs (d) and (e) of this**
28 **subsection, in the amounts necessary to reduce the effects of *S. purpuratus* on the kelp beds.**

29 [(2)(a)] (3)(a) The annual fee to participate in [*the*] a sea urchin fishery **described in this sec-**
30 **tion** is:

31 (A) \$125 for resident applicants.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (B) \$175 for nonresident applicants.

2 (b) A fee of \$100 shall be charged for each transfer of participation rights under this section.

3 **SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this 2023 Act, the State**

4 **Fish and Wildlife Commission shall adopt and amend rules as needed to implement the**

5 **amendments to ORS 508.760 by section 1 of this 2023 Act.**

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