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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon is Neutral on HB 2219

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2219

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i am NEUTRAL on [HB 2219] and here's why...

I wanted to SUPPORT [HB 2219] but the primary focus is on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission to construct a 'Rule' concerning Sea Urchins and not the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

My belief is the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) should be the lead agency to rely upon, to construct the 'Rule' referenced and incorporated into the "Text of [HB 2219]." The Sea Urchin Fishery is replete with expertise in 'Sea Urchin' matters.

I would like to see Oregon State University and the University of Oregon's recommendations to research a cure for the disease affecting the "Starfish-[Pycnopodia]" the predator of [Strongylocentrotus purpuratus] aka 'purple sea urchin' that eats kelp.

Currently, the population of [S. purpuratus] is too great for human harvesting and this sea urchin is not very profitable therefore, focus on "Starfish-[Pycnopodia]" as remedy.

Please review and rely upon the Testimony of ODFW-Deputy Director Debbie Colbert and in ODFW personnel.

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Mr. Oregon Concur... 'The Gurus of the sea' down at the Sea urchin fishery are smarter than anyone on this issue.