

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Levy

On March 6th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for approval to submit a federal grant application.

The Department is seeking approval to apply for this grant opportunity on behalf of the Department of Forestry to support work on the Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan in an effort to receive an Incidental Take Permit. If awarded, grant funding would be utilized to develop an additional Administrative Draft Habitat Conservation Plan to address requested information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the structure and content of the current Habitat Conservation Plan that is under federal review. There is a 25% cost share requirement, which the Department of Forestry plans to meet through in-kind with existing staff.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval of the submission of a federal grant application by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in the amount of \$1,012,541, for continuing development of the Private Forest Accord Aquatic Habitat Conservation Plan.