

HB 2343 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends the sunset on the Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund and extends authorization for the Fish and Wildlife Commission to collect a recreational fishing endorsement fee to fish for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon in the Columbia Basin until 2032.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact.

Revenue impact: No revenue impact.

HOUSE VOTE: Ayes, 52; Nays, 0; Excused, 8.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Condition of Oregon Hatcheries and deferred maintenance costs
- Fund allocations
- Upstream and Downstream sharing between Oregon and Washington

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 830 in 2013, establishing the Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund (Fund) to enhance fisheries, optimize the economic benefits of fisheries, and advance native fish conservation related to Columbia River fish management and reform. The legislation also authorized Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission to set a fee for a recreational fishing endorsement not to exceed \$9.75 per annual license or \$1 for a daily license to fish for salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon in the Columbia Basin; a fishing endorsement is required in addition to other required angling and license tags. The Fund and related fees are set to sunset on January 2, 2026.