

HB 2343 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

Detailed Summary

- Extends sunset of Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032.
- Extends sunset on authority of Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission to establish an annual and daily Columbia Basin salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon recreational fishing endorsement from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032.
- Extends sunset on youth license and pioneer license exemptions from endorsement charges from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 830 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.