

HB 2343 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Action Date: 05/08/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill. Requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Prozanski, Taylor

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 5/8

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Condition of Oregon hatcheries and deferred maintenance costs
- Recent Columbia River Fisheries Enhancement Fund allocations
- Columbia River Treaty

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 the Oregon 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.