

Enrolled House Bill 2345

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to Oregon hatcheries; creating new provisions; amending sections 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015; and repealing ORS 498.825, 498.827, 498.829, 498.831 and 498.833.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 1, chapter 120, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Oregon Hatchery [*Research Center*] **Monitoring and Maintenance** Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Hatchery [*Research Center*] **Monitoring and Maintenance** Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fund shall consist of:

(a) All moneys received from the surcharge on angling licenses imposed by section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015; and

(b) All moneys received from the ad valorem fee imposed by section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015.

(2) Moneys in the fund may be expended only on [*research projects recommended by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board*].:

(a) **Programs to monitor and address impacts of hatcheries on native fish species; and**

(b) **Work related to maintenance needs at hatcheries.**

(3) **On a biennial basis, overall expenditures from the fund must be evenly split between the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.**

SECTION 2. Section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 52, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 7, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws [*and during the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2026*], of the moneys received from the sale of the following licenses, the following amounts shall be deposited in the Oregon Hatchery [*Research Center*] **Monitoring and Maintenance** Fund:

(1) Resident annual combination license issued under ORS 497.132, \$1.

(2) Resident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(a), \$1.

(3) Angling and shellfish license to angle and take shellfish for one day issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(d), \$0.50.

(4) Nonresident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(b), \$1.50.

(5) Nonresident angling license to angle for seven consecutive days issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(c), \$1.50.

SECTION 3. Section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. (1) In addition to the ad valorem fee prescribed by law, *[during the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2026,]* there shall be paid for each fish species referred to in ORS 508.505 (1)(a), an additional fee of four cents per pound. The ad valorem fee referred to in this section is subject to ORS 508.505 to 508.540.

(2) Notwithstanding ORS 506.306, all moneys received by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited in the Oregon Hatchery *[Research Center]* **Monitoring and Maintenance Fund**.

SECTION 4. (1) **The amounts required to be deposited under section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 52, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, section 7, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2022, and section 2 of this 2025 Act apply to licenses issued on or before December 31, 2036.**

(2) The additional fee imposed by section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 3 of this 2025 Act, applies to fish caught on or before December 31, 2036.

SECTION 5. Section 7, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 7. *[(1) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall provide a financial report quarterly to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board showing all revenues and deposits to and transfers and expenditures from the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund.]*

[(2)] The *[department]* **State Department of Fish and Wildlife** shall provide a financial report annually to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment and natural resources showing all revenues and deposits to and transfers and expenditures from the Oregon Hatchery *[Research Center]* **Monitoring and Maintenance Fund**.

SECTION 6. Section 8, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 53, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 3, chapter 120, Oregon Laws 2017, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. *[(1)(a) Sections 4 and 7, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, are repealed on January 2, 2027.]*

[(b) Section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 52, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, is repealed on January 2, 2027.]

[(c) Section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 1 of this 2017 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2027.]

(1)(a) Section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 52, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, section 7, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2022, and section 2 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2037.

(b) Section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 3 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2037.

(c) Section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 1, chapter 120, Oregon Laws 2017, and section 1 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2039.

(d) Section 7, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 5 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2039.

(2) Any balance in the Oregon Hatchery *[Research Center]* **Monitoring and Maintenance Fund** that is unexpended and unobligated on the date of the repeal of section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, and all moneys that would have been deposited in the Oregon Hatchery *[Research Center]* **Monitoring and Maintenance Fund** had section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, remained in effect, shall be transferred to and deposited in the Hatchery Construction Fund, and are appropriated for expenditure as in the case of other moneys in the Hatchery Construction Fund.

SECTION 7. ORS 498.825, 498.827, 498.829, 498.831 and 498.833 are repealed.

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