## House Bill 3674

Sponsored by Representatives WRIGHT, BOICE

## **SUMMARY**

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Digest: The Act makes changes related to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. The Act creates the Chum Subaccount for distributing money for purposes related to chum. The Act creates a fee related to chum. The Act says that money from the fee must go into the Chum Subaccount. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.3).

Makes certain changes related to members of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board.

Makes certain changes related to the duties of the board.

Makes certain changes related to board meetings.

Makes certain changes related to the activities of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.

Makes certain changes related to hatchery research funding.

Establishes the Chum Subaccount in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Provides that moneys in the subaccount must be distributed for purposes related to chum.

Establishes the chum enhancement validation. Provides that moneys from the validation shall be credited to the subaccount.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to fish; creating new provisions; amending ORS 496.303, 497.061, 497.121, 498.825, 498.827, 2
- 498.829, 498.831 and 498.833 and sections 1, 3, 4 and 8, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015; and 3 prescribing an effective date. 4
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: 5
- **SECTION 1.** ORS 498.825 is amended to read: 6
- 7 498.825. (1) There is established the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board within the State
- Department of Fish and Wildlife. The board shall consist of 15 members, including 12 voting mem-8
- bers appointed by the State Fish and Wildlife Director under subsection [(3)] (5) of this section and 9 three nonvoting members specified in subsection [(4)] (6) of this section. 10
- (2) Members of the board must:
  - (a) Be residents of this state who are well informed on matters related to fish management policy and scientific research [and who].
    - (b) Demonstrate an interest in research related to the propagation of fish in hatcheries.
  - (3) In addition to meeting the requirements described in subsection (2) of this section, voting members of the board may not have been employed by the department.
    - [(2)] (4) In making appointments under subsection [(3)] (5) of this section, the director shall:
  - (a) Consult with organizations that represent or that are engaged in the same interests as those interests that appointees to the board are required to represent[, and shall].
    - (b) Consult with the Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.
- 21 (c) Take into consideration nominations or recommendations of persons for appointment as 22 members of the board that are received in the course of the consultation required by paragraphs 23 (a) and (b) of this subsection.
  - [(3)] (5) The 12 voting members appointed by the State Fish and Wildlife Director shall be

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1 representative of each of the following interests:

- (a) One member shall represent the Oregon Salmon Commission established under ORS 576.062.
- (b) One member shall represent the Columbia River gillnet salmon fishery established under ORS 508.775 to 508.796.
  - (c) Two members shall represent [wild fish advocacy organizations] interests in the conservation of native fish populations that reproduce naturally.
    - (d) Two members shall represent statewide sport angling organizations.
- (e) One member shall represent the agricultural industry.
  - (f) One member shall represent coastal ports.
  - (g) One member shall represent the forest products industry.
  - (h) One member shall represent the independent scientific community and have scientific background related to fish management and the propagation of fish in hatcheries.
  - (i) One member shall represent fish habitat restoration interests and have experience in the management or implementation of habitat restoration projects.
  - (j) One member shall represent Oregon Indian tribes, to be appointed by the director after consultation with the Commission on Indian Services.
  - [(4)] (6) In addition to the members appointed under subsection [(3)] (5) of this section, the **State Fish and Wildlife** Director shall:
  - (a) Appoint the following two nonvoting members of the board who have a background in fish management and the propagation of fish in hatcheries:
    - (A) One member to represent the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
    - (B) One member to represent Oregon State University.
  - (b) Invite a representative of agencies of the federal government related to fish management to serve as a nonvoting member of the board.
    - (7) The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall:
  - (a) Remove a member from the board upon the member's second unexcused absence from a board meeting.
  - (b) Not more than 30 days after the removal, make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
  - [(5)] (8) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the director. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the director shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.
  - (9) When appointing successors as described in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, the State Fish and Wildlife Director shall consult with the chairperson of the board and the member described in subsection (6)(a)(A) of this section.
  - [(6)] (10) A member of the board is not entitled to compensation under ORS 292.495. At the discretion of the board, board members may be reimbursed from funds available to the board for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by members of the board in the performance of their official duties, subject to the limits described in ORS 292.495.
    - **SECTION 2.** ORS 498.827 is amended to read:
  - 498.827. (1) The Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board shall report to the Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center and shall:
  - [(1)] (a) Establish strategic directions and operational objectives for the Oregon Hatchery Re-

search Center located on Fall Creek, near Alsea, [consistent with] that further the purposes described in ORS 496.275.

- [(2)] (b) Develop, after consultation with the Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, Oregon State University and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the proposed operating budget for the center.
- [(3)] (c) Recommend research projects for the Oregon Hatchery Research Center and issue requests for research proposals as needed to carry out the activities of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center specified in ORS 498.831.
- [(4)] (d) Review and prioritize all research proposals submitted to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center before research takes place and prioritize the research according to whether the research is consistent with the strategic directions and operational objectives specified in [subsection (1) of this section] paragraph (a) of this subsection and with the activities of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center specified in ORS 498.831.
- [(5)] (e) Make recommendations, as needed, regarding how the research projects at the Oregon Hatchery Research Center may be enhanced to meet the strategic directions and operational objectives specified in [subsection (1) of this section] paragraph (a) of this subsection and the activities specified in ORS 498.831.
- [(6)] (f) On or before February 1 of each calendar year, report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245, and to the State Fish and Wildlife Director and the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, regarding the findings of research projects carried out by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center and any recommendations regarding current hatchery management practices based on the research projects. The Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center shall post the report on the center's website for public access.
  - (2) The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall:

- (a) Consider recommendations in the report described in subsection (1)(f) of this section.
- (b) On or before September 15 of the calendar year in which the report under subsection (1)(f) of this section was made, report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner required by ORS 192.245 on how recommendations could be implemented.
  - **SECTION 3.** ORS 498.829 is amended to read:
- 498.829. (1) The Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board shall select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the board determines.
- (2) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (3) The board shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour determined by the board. The board may also meet at other times and places specified by the call of the chair-person or of a majority of the members of the board.
  - (4) A member of the board shall:
  - (a) Attend board meetings in person.
- (b) If the member is unable to attend a board meeting, request in advance of the meeting that the Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center or the chairperson of the board excuse the absence of the member. Prior to the meeting, the director or chairperson shall notify the member regarding approval or disapproval of the request to excuse the absence.
- (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4)(a) of this section, a member of the board may attend a board meeting online if exigent circumstances exist and the member's online attendance

- is approved in advance of the board meeting by the Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center or the chairperson of the board.
- (6)(a) If a member of the board is absent from a board meeting without having been excused, as described in subsection (4)(b) of this section, the chairperson of the board shall notify the member and the State Fish and Wildlife Director of the member's unexcused absence.
- (b) Upon the member's second unexcused absence, the State Fish and Wildlife Director shall remove the member from the board, as described in ORS 498.825 (7).
  - **SECTION 4.** ORS 498.831 is amended to read:

- 498.831. (1) The hatchery research center located on Fall Creek, near Alsea, is named the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.
  - (2) Pursuant to the strategic directions and operation objectives established by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board under ORS 498.827, the center shall carry out the following activities:
  - [(a) Conduct research that assists in the implementation and advancement of native fish population recovery as well as viable fisheries.]
  - [(b) Conduct research on methods to minimize the genetic and ecological risks to naturally produced native fish when hatchery produced fish are released in the waters of this state for population recovery or consumptive fishery objectives.]
  - [(c) Conduct research to determine the genetic and ecological risk to naturally produced native fish when wild native broodstock hatchery produced native fish are released into the waters of this state.]
  - [(d) Conduct research to determine the effect of hatchery operations on naturally produced native fish and the habitat of naturally produced native fish.]
  - [(e) Provide educational and research opportunities for undergraduate students, graduate students and post-graduate students.]
  - (a) Conduct research, and synthesize existing research, to provide guidance for improving the ability of hatcheries and hatchery programs to achieve the goals described in ORS 496.012.
    - (b) Conduct research, and synthesize existing research, to support:
    - (A) The development of hatchery management policies.
  - (B) Actions that restore, enhance and maintain fish abundance for harvest opportunity while simultaneously identifying any risks or benefits to naturally reproducing native fish populations.
  - (c) Synthesize existing research on the adaptive capacity and fitness of salmon originating from a hatchery, with an emphasis on:
    - (A) Recent research related to salmonid species that are native to Oregon.
  - (B) Research on hatchery programs that have employed best management practices identified in hatchery report reviews and initiatives.
  - (d) Make recommendations for hatchery management policies based on the synthesis of existing research described in paragraph (c) of this subsection.
    - (e) Synthesize research that:
    - (A) Is specific to species and populations.
  - (B) Documents hatchery programs that use best management practices, identifying whether the hatchery programs have caused measurable impacts on naturally reproducing salmon populations.

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- (f) Synthesize existing scientific literature to provide recommendations for designing a new hatchery or modifying existing hatchery facilities to increase hatchery fish survival and fitness.
- (g) Conduct research on how communities can contribute to hatchery programs, including by using in-stream and streamside salmon incubators.
- (h) Conduct research on the potential ecological, social or economic value of reestablishing chum salmon populations in coastal river ecosystems through the use of salmon incubators.
- (i) Conduct research in cooperation with volunteers and federally recognized Indian tribes in this state to establish chum salmon fisheries.
- (j) Conduct a study on the effectiveness of using salmon incubators to increase fish harvest opportunities.
  - (k) Conduct a study of the benefits of fish carcasses to ecosystems.
  - (L) Conduct research on whether freshwater, estuary or marine habitats can provide viable fisheries.
- 16 [(f)] (m) Provide educational opportunities for the public and for students in grades 1 through 12.
- 18 [(g)] (n) Consider any recommendations made by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board 19 pursuant to ORS 498.827.
  - (3) The Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center shall post information about the research specified in subsection (2) of this section on the center's website for public access.
- [(4) As used in this section, "waters of this state" has the meaning given that term in ORS 196.800.]
  - (4) As used in this section, "abundance" means a salmonid biomass that occurred in the 1970s or 1980s.
  - <u>SECTION 5.</u> (1) The Oregon Hatchery Research Center shall undertake the activities described in ORS 498.831 (2)(f) on or before June 30, 2028.
  - (2) The center shall undertake the activities described in ORS 498.831 (2)(c) on or before June 30, 2029.
  - (3) The center shall undertake the activities described in ORS 498.831 (2)(e) on or before December 31, 2029.
    - SECTION 6. ORS 498.833 is amended to read:
  - 498.833. The State Fish and Wildlife Director, after consultation with **and having received recommendations from** the chairperson of a department related to fish and wildlife at Oregon State University and the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board established under ORS 498.825, shall appoint a Director of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.
  - **SECTION 7.** 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 Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center 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:
- 43 (a) All moneys received from the surcharge on angling licenses imposed by section 3, chapter 44 734, Oregon Laws 2015; and
- 45 (b) All moneys received from the ad valorem fee imposed by section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws

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- 2 (2) Moneys in the fund may be expended only on:
- (a) Research projects recommended by the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board.
- (b) Operational costs of the board.
- 5 <u>SECTION 8.</u> 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] 2034, of the moneys received from the sale of the
  following licenses, the following amounts shall be deposited in the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund:
- 11 (1) Resident annual combination license issued under ORS 497.132, [\$1] \$1.50.
  - (2) Resident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(a), [\$1] \$1.50.
- 13 (3) Angling and shellfish license to angle and take shellfish for one day issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(d), [\$0.50] \$1.
  - (4) Nonresident annual angling license issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(b), [\$1.50] \$2.
  - (5) Nonresident angling license to angle for seven consecutive days issued under ORS 497.121 (1)(c), [\$1.50] \$2.
    - SECTION 9. The amendments to section 3, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, by section 8 of this 2025 Act apply to licenses issued on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.
      - SECTION 10. 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] **2034**, there shall be paid for each fish species referred to in ORS 508.505 (1)(a), an additional fee of [four] **14** 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 Fund.
    - SECTION 11. The amendments to section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, by section 10 of this 2025 Act apply to fish caught on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.
    - **SECTION 12.** 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:
- 32 **Sec. 8.** (1)(a) [Sections 4 and] **Section** 7, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, [are] **is** repealed on 33 January 2, [2027] **2035**.
  - (b) 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 8 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, [2027] 2035.
  - (c) Section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 1 [of this 2017 Act], chapter 120, Oregon Laws 2017, and section 7 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, [2027] 2035.
  - (d) Section 4, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, as amended by section 10 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2035.
  - (2) Any balance in the Oregon Hatchery Research Center 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 Fund had section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, remained in effect, shall be transferred to and deposited in the Hatchery

1 Construction Fund, and are appropriated for expenditure as in the case of other moneys in the 2 Hatchery Construction Fund.

**SECTION 13.** ORS 496.303 is amended to read:

496.303. (1) The Fish and Wildlife Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Fish and Wildlife Account shall consist of the moneys in its various subaccounts and any moneys transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly. Unless otherwise specified by law, interest earnings on moneys in the account shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the State Wildlife Fund.

- (2)(a) The Fish Screening Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The sub-account shall consist of:
  - (A) All penalties recovered under ORS 536.900 to 536.920.
  - (B) All moneys received pursuant to ORS 498.306.
- (C) All gifts, grants and other moneys from whatever source that may be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 498.306.
  - (D) All moneys received from the sale of angling licenses dedicated by ORS 497.124.
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 315.138, 498.306 and 509.620. However, moneys received from the sale of angling licenses dedicated by ORS 497.124 shall be expended only to carry out the provisions of law relating to the screening of water diversions.
- (3) The Fish Endowment Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The sub-account shall consist of transfers of moneys authorized by the Legislative Assembly from the State Wildlife Fund and gifts and grants of moneys from whatever source for the purpose of paying the expense of maintaining fish hatcheries operated by the department.
- (4) The Migratory Waterfowl Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of art works and prints related to the migratory waterfowl stamps shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for activities that promote the propagation, conservation and recreational uses of migratory waterfowl and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the migratory waterfowl stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount may be made within this state, in other states or in foreign countries, in such amounts as the commission determines appropriate. Expenditures in other states and foreign countries shall be on such terms and conditions as the commission determines will benefit most directly the migratory waterfowl resources of this state.
- (5) The Halibut Research Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Based on the annual number of recreational halibut anglers, a portion of the moneys derived from the sale of the salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut tag pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be credited to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for halibut population studies and other research.
- (6) The Upland Bird Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission from the sale of upland bird stamps, from the sale of any art works and prints related to the upland bird stamps and from private hunting preserve permit fees shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for promoting the propagation and conservation of upland birds and the acquisition, development, management, enhancement, sale or exchange of upland bird habitat, and for activities related to the

design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the upland bird stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount shall be made for the benefit of programs within this state in such amounts and at such times as the commission determines appropriate to most directly benefit the upland bird resources of the state.

- (7) The Access and Habitat Board Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The subaccount shall consist of moneys transferred to the subaccount pursuant to ORS 496.242. Moneys in the subaccount may be used for the purposes specified in ORS 496.242.
- (8) The Marine Shellfish Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Interest earnings on moneys in the subaccount shall be credited to the subaccount. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of resident and nonresident shellfish licenses pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the protection and enhancement of shellfish for recreational purposes, including shellfish sanitation costs and the cost of enforcement of wildlife laws pertaining to the taking of shellfish. The State Fish and Wildlife Director, or a designee, the Director of Agriculture, or a designee, and the Superintendent of State Police, or a designee, shall jointly make a recommendation to the Governor for inclusion in the Governor's budget beginning July 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- (9)(a) The Mountain Sheep Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain sheep, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain sheep habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain sheep resources of this state.
- (10)(a) The Antelope Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of antelope, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of antelope habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit antelope resources of this state.
- (11)(a) The Mountain Goat Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain goats for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain goat habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain goat resources of this state.
- (12) The commission shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the sources from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or programs against which each withdrawal is charged.
- (13) The Oregon Conservation Strategy Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of habitat conservation stamps and from the sale of any art works and prints related to the habitat conservation stamp shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only to promote and implement habitat and species restoration, enhancement and viewing activities identified in the "Oregon Conservation Strategy," 2006, by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the habitat conservation stamps and related art works and prints.

- (14)(a) The Rogue-South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.121 (1)(r) and (s).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for research and monitoring that is consistent with the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan the commission adopted in December 2021, as subsequently amended by the commission.
  - (c) The commission may amend the plan as needed.

- (d) The commission shall make the current version of the plan publicly available on a website of the commission or of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (15) The Chum Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.121 (1)(t). Moneys in the subaccount shall be distributed as follows:
  - (a) Fifty percent of the moneys to the Coquille Indian Tribe for purposes related to chum.
- (b) Thirty percent to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund established under section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, for purposes related to chum.
- (c) Ten percent to the Fish Endowment Subaccount established under subsection (3) of this section for purposes related to chum.
  - (d) Five percent to the Millicoma River STEP Association for purposes related to chum.
  - (e) Five percent to the Coquille River STEP Association for purposes related to chum.
  - SECTION 14. ORS 496.303, as amended by section 13 of this 2025 Act, is amended to read:
- 496.303. (1) The Fish and Wildlife Account is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. The Fish and Wildlife Account shall consist of the moneys in its various subaccounts and any moneys transferred to the account by the Legislative Assembly. Unless otherwise specified by law, interest earnings on moneys in the account shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the State Wildlife Fund.
- (2)(a) The Fish Screening Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The sub-account shall consist of:
  - (A) All penalties recovered under ORS 536.900 to 536.920.
  - (B) All moneys received pursuant to ORS 498.306.
- (C) All gifts, grants and other moneys from whatever source that may be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 498.306.
  - (D) All moneys received from the sale of angling licenses dedicated by ORS 497.124.
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used to carry out the provisions of ORS 315.138, 498.306 and 509.620. However, moneys received from the sale of angling licenses dedicated by ORS 497.124 shall be expended only to carry out the provisions of law relating to the screening of water diversions.
- (3) The Fish Endowment Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The sub-account shall consist of transfers of moneys authorized by the Legislative Assembly from the State Wildlife Fund and gifts and grants of moneys from whatever source for the purpose of paying the expense of maintaining fish hatcheries operated by the department.
- (4) The Migratory Waterfowl Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of art works and prints related to the migratory waterfowl stamps shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for activities that promote the propagation, conservation and recreational uses of migratory waterfowl and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale

of the migratory waterfowl stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount may be made within this state, in other states or in foreign countries, in such amounts as the commission determines appropriate. Expenditures in other states and foreign countries shall be on such terms and conditions as the commission determines will benefit most directly the migratory waterfowl resources of this state.

- (5) The Halibut Research Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Based on the annual number of recreational halibut anglers, a portion of the moneys derived from the sale of the salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut tag pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be credited to the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for halibut population studies and other research.
- (6) The Upland Bird Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission from the sale of upland bird stamps, from the sale of any art works and prints related to the upland bird stamps and from private hunting preserve permit fees shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only for promoting the propagation and conservation of upland birds and the acquisition, development, management, enhancement, sale or exchange of upland bird habitat, and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the upland bird stamps and related art works and prints. Expenditures of moneys in the subaccount shall be made for the benefit of programs within this state in such amounts and at such times as the commission determines appropriate to most directly benefit the upland bird resources of the state.
- (7) The Access and Habitat Board Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The subaccount shall consist of moneys transferred to the subaccount pursuant to ORS 496.242. Moneys in the subaccount may be used for the purposes specified in ORS 496.242.
- (8) The Marine Shellfish Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. Interest earnings on moneys in the subaccount shall be credited to the subaccount. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of resident and nonresident shellfish licenses pursuant to ORS 497.121 shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the protection and enhancement of shellfish for recreational purposes, including shellfish sanitation costs and the cost of enforcement of wildlife laws pertaining to the taking of shellfish. The State Fish and Wildlife Director, or a designee, the Director of Agriculture, or a designee, and the Superintendent of State Police, or a designee, shall jointly make a recommendation to the Governor for inclusion in the Governor's budget beginning July 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- (9)(a) The Mountain Sheep Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain sheep, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain sheep habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain sheep resources of this state.
- (10)(a) The Antelope Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of antelope, for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of antelope habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit antelope resources of this state.
  - (11)(a) The Mountain Goat Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consist-

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1 ing of moneys collected under ORS 497.112 (2)(a) to (c).

- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for the propagation and conservation of mountain goats for research, development, management, enhancement and sale or exchange of mountain goat habitat and for programs within the state that in the discretion of the commission most directly benefit mountain goat resources of this state.
- (12) The commission shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Account. The record shall indicate by separate cumulative accounts the sources from which the moneys are derived and the individual activity or programs against which each withdrawal is charged.
- (13) The Oregon Conservation Strategy Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account. All moneys received by the commission from the sale of habitat conservation stamps and from the sale of any art works and prints related to the habitat conservation stamp shall be deposited in the subaccount. Moneys in the subaccount may be expended only to promote and implement habitat and species restoration, enhancement and viewing activities identified in the "Oregon Conservation Strategy," 2006, by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and for activities related to the design, production, issuance and arrangements for sale of the habitat conservation stamps and related art works and prints.
- (14)(a) The Rogue-South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.121 (1)(r) and (s).
- (b) All moneys in the subaccount shall be used for research and monitoring that is consistent with the Rogue-South Coast Multi-Species Conservation and Management Plan the commission adopted in December 2021, as subsequently amended by the commission.
  - (c) The commission may amend the plan as needed.
- (d) The commission shall make the current version of the plan publicly available on a website of the commission or of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (15) The Chum Subaccount is established in the Fish and Wildlife Account, consisting of moneys collected under ORS 497.121 (1)(t). Moneys in the subaccount shall be distributed as follows:
  - (a) Fifty percent of the moneys to the Coquille Indian Tribe for purposes related to chum.
- [(b) Thirty percent to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund established under section 1, chapter 734, Oregon Laws 2015, for purposes related to chum.]
- [(c)] (b) [Ten] Forty percent to the Fish Endowment Subaccount established under subsection (3) of this section for purposes related to chum.
  - [(d)] (c) Five percent to the Millicoma River STEP Association for purposes related to chum.
  - [(e)] (d) Five percent to the Coquille River STEP Association for purposes related to chum.
- SECTION 15. The amendments to ORS 496.303 by section 14 of this 2025 Act become operative on January 2, 2035.

**SECTION 16.** ORS 497.061 is amended to read:

497.061. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall charge the fees listed in the fee schedule under this section for the issuance of the specified licenses, tags and permits.

(2) Fee Schedule:

- Prices shown include agent fees
- 44 under ORS 497.022 and dedications
- 45 of funds collected as otherwise

1	prescribed by law.	Resident	Nonresident	Statutory
2		Fee	Fee	Reference
3				
4	HUNTING LICENSES			
5	ANNUAL HUNTING LICENSE	\$34.50	\$172.00	497.102
6	RESIDENT SENIOR HUNTING LICENSE	\$22.00	-	497.102
7	RESIDENT DISABLED VET HUNTER LICENSE	FREE	-	497.102
8	RESIDENT UNIFORMED SERVICES			
9	HUNTER LICENSE	\$17.00	-	497.102
10	NONRESIDENT THREE-DAY BIRD LICENSE	-	\$32.50	497.102
11				
12	HUNTING TAGS/VALIDATIONS			
13	DEER TAG	\$28.50	\$443.50	497.112
14	ELK TAG	\$49.50	\$588.00	497.112
15	SPECIAL ELK TAG (DV/PIONEER)	\$26.00	-	497.112
16	BLACK BEAR TAG	\$16.50	\$16.50	497.112
17	TURKEY TAG	\$26.50	\$90.00	497.112
18	ANTELOPE TAG	\$51.50	\$395.50	497.112
19	MOUNTAIN SHEEP TAG	\$142.00	\$1,513.50	497.112
20	COUGAR TAG	\$16.50	\$16.50	497.112
21	MOUNTAIN GOAT TAG	\$142.00	\$1,513.50	497.112
22	RESIDENT UPLAND BIRD STAMP	\$10.00	-	497.153
23	RESIDENT WATERFOWL STAMP	\$13.50	-	497.151
24	NONRESIDENT BIRD-WATERFOWL STAMP	-	\$44.50	497.156
25				
26	FISHING LICENSES/VALIDATIONS			
27	ANNUAL ANGLING LICENSE	\$44.00	\$110.50	497.121
28	RESIDENT SENIOR ANGLING LICENSE	\$29.00	-	497.121
29	RESIDENT DISABLED VET ANGLER LICENSE	FREE	-	497.121
30	ONE-DAY ANGLING AND SHELLFISH LICENSE	\$23.00	\$23.00	497.121
31	TWO-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	\$42.00	\$42.00	497.121
32	THREE-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	\$59.50	\$59.50	497.121
33	NONRESIDENT SEVEN-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	-	\$93.50	497.121
34	ANNUAL COMBINED ANGLING TAG	\$46.00	\$66.00	497.121
35	HATCHERY HARVEST TAG	\$33.00	\$33.00	497.121
36	TWO-ROD ANGLING LICENSE	\$28.00	\$28.00	497.121
37				
38	SHELLFISH LICENSES			
39	ANNUAL SHELLFISH LICENSE	\$10.00	\$28.00	497.121
40	NONRESIDENT THREE-DAY SHELLFISH LICENSE	-	\$19.00	497.121
41	RESIDENT DISABLED VET SHELLFISH LICENSE	FREE	-	497.121
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43	COMBINATION LICENSE	\$73.00	-	497.132
44	RESIDENT SPORTSPAC LICENSE	\$196.50	-	497.132
45	RESIDENT SENIOR COMBINATION LICENSE	\$47.50	-	497.132

1	RESIDENT PIONEER COMBINATION LICENSE	\$6.00	-	497.132
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3	YOUTH LICENSES/VALIDATIONS (ages 12-17)			
4	YOUTH LICENSE	\$10.00	\$10.00	497.127
5	RESIDENT YOUTH SPORTSPAC LICENSE	\$55.00	-	497.132
6	YOUTH ANNUAL COMBINED ANGLING TAG	\$5.00	\$5.00	497.121
7	YOUTH UPLAND BIRD STAMP	\$4.00	\$4.00	497.153
8	YOUTH WATERFOWL STAMP	\$4.00	\$4.00	497.151
9	YOUTH TURKEY TAG	\$10.50	\$10.50	497.112
10	YOUTH HUNT/TRAP FUR-BEARERS LICENSE	\$17.00	\$17.00	497.142
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12	MISCELLANEOUS			
13	DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE FILING	\$25.50	\$25.50	497.032
14	GUIDE TAG — DEER	-	\$575.00	497.112
15	GUIDE TAG — ELK	-	\$848.00	497.112
16	RESIDENT HUNT/TRAP FUR-BEARERS LICENSE	\$54.50	-	497.142
17	NONRESIDENT FUR-TAKERS HUNT/TRAP LICENSI	E -	\$407.00	497.142
18	RESIDENT HUNT FUR-BEARERS LICENSE	\$26.00	-	497.142
19	PRIVATE HUNTING PRESERVE PERMIT	\$6.50	\$14.00	497.102
20	OUTDOOR CLUB LICENSE	\$100.00	\$100.00	498.418
21	LOP REGISTRATION	\$35.00	\$35.00	496.146
22	LOP TAG REDISTRIBUTION	\$17.00	\$17.00	496.146
23	RSC STEELHEAD VALIDATION	\$2.00	\$4.00	497.121
24	RSC WILD STEELHEAD HARVEST CARD	\$10.00	\$20.00	497.121
25	CHUM ENHANCEMENT VALIDATION	\$10.00	\$10.00	497.121
26				
27	OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES/PERMITS			
28	FUR DEALER LICENSE	\$111.00	-	497.258
29	TAXIDERMIST LICENSE	\$111.00	-	497.258
30	WILDLIFE PROPAGATION LICENSE	\$58.00	-	497.258
31	FISH PROPAGATION LICENSE	\$151.50	-	497.258
32	PRIVATE HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE	\$232.00	-	497.258
33	STURGEON PROPAGATION PERMIT	\$3,573.00	\$3,573.00	497.325
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**SECTION 17.** ORS 497.061, as amended by section 61, chapter 779, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 2, chapter 56, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to read:

497.061. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall charge the fees listed in the fee schedule under this section for the issuance of the specified licenses, tags and permits.

(2) Fee Schedule:

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44 Prices shown include agent fees

45 under ORS 497.022 and dedications

1	of funds collected as otherwise			
2	prescribed by law.	Resident	Nonresident	Statutory
3		Fee	Fee	Reference
4				
5	HUNTING LICENSES			
6	ANNUAL HUNTING LICENSE	\$34.50	\$172.00	497.102
7	RESIDENT SENIOR HUNTING LICENSE	\$22.00	-	497.102
8	RESIDENT DISABLED VET HUNTER LICENSE	FREE	-	497.102
9	RESIDENT UNIFORMED SERVICES			
10	HUNTER LICENSE	\$17.00	-	497.102
11	NONRESIDENT THREE-DAY BIRD LICENSE	-	\$32.50	497.102
12				
13	HUNTING TAGS/VALIDATIONS			
14	DEER TAG	\$28.50	\$443.50	497.112
15	ELK TAG	\$49.50	\$588.00	497.112
16	SPECIAL ELK TAG (DV/PIONEER)	\$26.00	-	497.112
17	BLACK BEAR TAG	\$16.50	\$16.50	497.112
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20	MOUNTAIN SHEEP TAG	\$142.00	\$1,513.50	497.112
21	COUGAR TAG	\$16.50	\$16.50	497.112
22	MOUNTAIN GOAT TAG	\$142.00	\$1,513.50	497.112
23	RESIDENT UPLAND BIRD STAMP	\$10.00	-	497.153
24	RESIDENT WATERFOWL STAMP	\$13.50	-	497.151
25	NONRESIDENT BIRD-WATERFOWL STAMP	-	\$44.50	497.156
26				
27	FISHING LICENSES/VALIDATIONS			
28	ANNUAL ANGLING LICENSE	\$43.00	\$109.00	497.121
29	RESIDENT SENIOR ANGLING LICENSE	\$29.00	-	497.121
30	RESIDENT DISABLED VET ANGLER LICENSE	FREE	-	497.121
31	ONE-DAY ANGLING AND SHELLFISH LICENSE	\$23.00	\$23.00	497.121
32	TWO-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	\$42.00	\$42.00	497.121
33	THREE-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	\$59.50	\$59.50	497.121
34	NONRESIDENT SEVEN-DAY ANGLING LICENSE	-	\$92.00	497.121
35	ANNUAL COMBINED ANGLING TAG	\$46.00	\$66.00	497.121
36	HATCHERY HARVEST TAG	\$33.00	\$33.00	497.121
37	TWO-ROD ANGLING LICENSE	\$28.00	\$28.00	497.121
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39	SHELLFISH LICENSES			
40	ANNUAL SHELLFISH LICENSE	\$10.00	\$28.00	497.121
41	NONRESIDENT THREE-DAY SHELLFISH LICENSE	-	\$19.00	497.121
42	RESIDENT DISABLED VET SHELLFISH LICENSE	FREE	-	497.121
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44	COMBINATION LICENSE	\$72.00	-	497.132
45	RESIDENT SPORTSPAC LICENSE	\$196.50	-	497.132

1	RESIDENT SENIOR COMBINATION LICENSE	\$47.50	-	497.132
2	RESIDENT PIONEER COMBINATION LICENSE	\$6.00	<u>-</u>	497.132
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4	YOUTH LICENSES/VALIDATIONS (ages 12-17)			
5	YOUTH LICENSE	\$10.00	\$10.00	497.127
6	RESIDENT YOUTH SPORTSPAC LICENSE	\$55.00	-	497.132
7	YOUTH ANNUAL COMBINED ANGLING TAG	\$5.00	\$5.00	497.121
8	YOUTH UPLAND BIRD STAMP	\$4.00	\$4.00	497.153
9	YOUTH WATERFOWL STAMP	\$4.00	\$4.00	497.151
10	YOUTH TURKEY TAG	\$10.50	\$10.50	497.112
11	YOUTH HUNT/TRAP FUR-BEARERS LICENSE	\$17.00	\$17.00	497.142
12				
13	MISCELLANEOUS			
14	DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE FILING	\$25.50	\$25.50	497.032
15	GUIDE TAG — DEER	-	\$575.00	497.112
16	GUIDE TAG — ELK	-	\$848.00	497.112
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18	NONRESIDENT FUR-TAKERS HUNT/TRAP LICENSE	-	\$407.00	497.142
19	RESIDENT HUNT FUR-BEARERS LICENSE	\$26.00	-	497.142
20	PRIVATE HUNTING PRESERVE PERMIT	\$6.50	\$14.00	497.102
21	OUTDOOR CLUB LICENSE	\$100.00	\$100.00	498.418
22	LOP REGISTRATION	\$35.00	\$35.00	496.146
23	LOP TAG REDISTRIBUTION	\$17.00	\$17.00	496.146
24	RSC STEELHEAD VALIDATION	\$2.00	\$4.00	497.121
25	RSC WILD STEELHEAD HARVEST CARD	\$10.00	\$20.00	497.121
26	CHUM ENHANCEMENT VALIDATION	\$10.00	<b>\$10.00</b>	497.121
27				
28	OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES/PERMITS			
29	FUR DEALER LICENSE	\$111.00	-	497.258
30	TAXIDERMIST LICENSE	\$111.00	-	497.258
31	WILDLIFE PROPAGATION LICENSE	\$58.00	-	497.258
32	FISH PROPAGATION LICENSE	\$151.50	-	497.258
33	PRIVATE HUNTING PRESERVE LICENSE	\$232.00	-	497.258
34	STURGEON PROPAGATION PERMIT	\$3,573.00	\$3,573.00	497.325
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## SECTION 18. ORS 497.121 is amended to read:

497.121. (1) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may, upon application and payment of the applicable fees established by the fee schedule under ORS 497.061, issue the following licenses and tags to persons desiring to angle for fish or take shellfish:

- (a) Resident annual angling license.
- (b) Nonresident annual angling license.
- (c) Nonresident angling license to angle for seven consecutive days.
- 44 (d) Angling and shellfish license to angle and take shellfish for one day.
- 45 (e) Angling license to angle for two days.

- 1 (f) Angling license to angle for three days.
- 2 (g) Resident annual shellfish license.

- 3 (h) Nonresident annual shellfish license.
- (i) Nonresident three-day shellfish license.
  - (j) Two rod angling license for anglers who also hold a valid annual angling license.
  - (k) Resident annual senior citizen angling license for persons 70 years of age or older who have resided in the state for not less than five years prior to the date of application.
  - (L) Resident disabled veteran angling license for a person who files with the commission written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 25 percent disabled.
  - (m) Resident disabled veteran shellfish license for a person who files with the commission written proof that the last official certification of record by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States shows the person to be at least 25 percent disabled.
  - (n) Resident annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut.
  - (o) Nonresident annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut.
  - (p) Annual youth combined angling tag for persons under 18 years of age to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut.
    - (q) Renewable tag to angle for hatchery salmon and steelhead.
    - (r) Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation.
    - (s) Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card.
    - (t) Chum enhancement validation.
  - (2) Any person who holds a valid permanent angling license for persons who are blind or a permanent angling license for persons in a wheelchair issued by the commission before January 1, 2000, need not obtain a resident annual angling license under this section.
  - (3) The annual combined angling tags to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut referred to in subsection (1)(n), (o), (p) and (q) of this section [and], the Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card [referred to] described in subsection (1)(r) and (s) of this section and the chum enhancement validation described in subsection (1)(t) of this section are in addition to and not in lieu of the angling licenses required by the wildlife laws. However, an annual combined angling tag to angle for salmon, steelhead trout, sturgeon and halibut is not required of a person who holds a valid angling license referred to in subsection (1)(c) to (f) of this section.
  - (4) The commission shall adopt rules concerning issuance of, and requirements related to, the Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead harvest card described in subsection (1)(r) and (s) of this section and the chum enhancement validation described in subsection (1)(t) of this section. The rules must address when the [validation] validations and harvest card are required, relative to licenses, tags and permits that are required under the wildlife laws.
  - (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of the wildlife laws, the moneys received from the sale of:
    - (a) The Rogue-South Coast steelhead validation and the Rogue-South Coast wild steelhead har-

- vest card described in subsection (1)(r) and (s) of this section shall be credited to the Rogue-South Coast Research and Monitoring Subaccount established under ORS 496.303.
  - (b) The chum enhancement validation described in subsection (1)(t) of this section shall be credited to the Chum Subaccount established under ORS 496.303.

<u>SECTION 19.</u> This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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