

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 221

Ordered by the Senate March 24
Including Senate Amendments dated March 24

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act directs ODFW to support certain fish rearing projects. The Act starts when signed. (Flesch Readability Score: 86.4).

[Digest: The Act tells an agency to study the salmon and trout enhancement program. The Act tells the agency to report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.4).]

[Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to study the salmon and trout enhancement program. Directs the department to report to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than September 15, 2026.]

Directs the State Department of Fish and Wildlife to assist in the establishment of fall chinook fish incubation nursery programs, and to report on the programs to the Legislative Assembly.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to a fish enhancement program; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) To assist with assessing the use of fish incubation devices as a method for recovering salmon populations, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall encourage one or more entities to establish, and fund projects under, a fall chinook fish incubation nursery program for the rearing of fall chinook salmonids on salmon-bearing or potentially salmon-bearing waterways located in Coos County and within 100 miles of the Pacific Ocean.

(2) If one or more entities establish and fund projects under a program described in subsection (1) of this section, the department shall assist the entity or entities with ensuring that the program is scientifically sound.

SECTION 2. The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall report on the fall chinook fish incubation nursery program required under section 1 of this 2025 Act, including but not limited to any findings or recommendations of the department regarding the program, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2026.

SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.