

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

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| In the Matter of H.B. 3505 proposing |) | |
| to amend State wildlife policy and |) | RESOLUTION |
| goals. |) | 93-95 |

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife resources are an important component of Oregon's natural heritage; and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife resources contribute significantly to Oregon's quality of life and economic health; and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife resources accurately reflect the health of Oregon's environment and the effectiveness of our natural resource stewardship; and

WHEREAS, Department of Fish and Wildlife has been designated as this state's chief steward of resources; and

WHEREAS, the legislatively set goals for Departmental management activities in summary are:

- to maintain all species at optimum levels;
- to develop and manage lands and waters in a manner which will enhance production and enjoyment of fish and wildlife resources;
- to provide equitable use of available fish and wildlife;
- to provide appropriate regulation and provide public recreation benefits; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 3505 proposes to substantially dilute the existing goals and impose administrative burdens and restrictions on the Fish and Wildlife Commission and Department which the Oregon Attorney General's office has described as "unprecedented in Oregon Law"; and

WHEREAS, the wording of H.B. 3505 is vague, confusing and will likely result in reduced efficiency and increased litigation; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that H.B. 3505 is intended to diminish the Fish and Wildlife Department's ability to advocate for and provide stewardship of fish and wildlife resources to allow an accelerated exploitation of other resources for short-term gains;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Multnomah County strongly oppose H.B. 3505 and urges state legislators to maintain the existing policies which seek balanced use and sustained availability of the State's fish and wildlife resources in perpetuity.

ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 1993.



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