



LEGISLATION HONORS TWO OREGON ICONS: THE WILD STEELHEAD AND FRANK MOORE

A GOOD IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

The Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area Designation Act (H.R. 6129), introduced by Rep. Peter DeFazio of Oregon, is a House companion bill to legislation already advanced by Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley (S. 1448), also of Oregon. Both the House and Senate bills would protect over **100,000 acres** of valuable watershed and riparian habitat that host a number of anadromous fish and big game species – most notably the **wild summer-run steelhead**.



MANY MILES OF VALUABLE WATERSHED HABITAT FOR STEELHEAD, SALMON, TROUT AND BIG GAME SPECIES ARE UNDER PROTECTION IN THIS DESIGNATION.



MORE THAN HALF OF ALL KNOWN WILD SUMMER-RUN STEELHEAD IN THE OREGON COASTAL PLANNING DOMAIN SPAWN AND REAR FROM THE STEAMBOAT CREEK BASIN.



THE SURROUNDING VEGETATION AND SNOWMELT-FED POOLS OF STEAMBOAT CREEK PROVIDE A THERMAL REFUGE FOR SUMMERING STEELHEAD WAITING TO MAKE THEIR SPAWNING ASCENT.

STEAMBOAT CREEK

Steamboat Creek is a storied tributary of the North Umpqua River and a major steelhead spawning ground in the coastal planning domain (250 miles that stretch from Seaside to Port Orford on Oregon's coast). The Steamboat Creek Basin contains more than 50 percent of all known wild summer-run steelhead spawning and rearing habitat in the domain. In the summer months, about 600-1,000 adult summer-run steelhead hold in this stream prior to following the fall rains upstream to spawn. Most coastal steelhead are winter-run fish; thus the strong summer-run makes this basin all the more special and important to conserve.

Frequently referred to as the "graduate school of fly fishing," the North Umpqua's challenging waters have been plied by anglers from around the world, including renowned sportsmen and novelists Ernie Schwiebert and Zane Grey. Jack Hemingway once called the waterway "the greatest stretch of summer-run steelhead water in the United States."

Along with the summer and winter steelhead, this area also provides habitat for Chinook, coho, rainbow and cutthroat trout – as well as a range of big game species including grouse, black bear, blacktail deer and Roosevelt elk.

**\$12.8
BILLION**

OUTDOOR RECREATION IN OREGON IS AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE, ANNUALLY GENERATING BILLIONS IN CONSUMER SPENDING.

**104K
ACRES**



104K ACRES OF PROTECTED WATERSHED AND RIPARIAN HABITAT ARE HOME TO ROOSEVELT ELK AND GROUSE.

**180+
MILES**

WILD STEELHEAD AND OTHER ANADROMOUS FISH TRAVEL A GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN TO SPAWN IN THE TRIBUTARY CREEKS OF THE NORTH UMPQUA.

H.R. 6129

INTRODUCED BY REP. PETER DEFazio OF OREGON, IT IS THE HOUSE COMPANION BILL TO S. 1448 AND AWAITS A HEARING IN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

S. 1448

INTRODUCED BY SENS. WYDEN AND MERKLEY OF OREGON, IT PASSED OUT OF THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN JULY 2016.

FRANK MOORE

Ninety-three-year-old Frank Moore has lived on Oregon's North Umpqua River most of this life. He inspired the 1968 film "Pass Creek," which led to logging changes nationwide to protect riparian habitat. Frank has been honored with awards like the National Wildlife Federation's "Conservationist of the Year" and served as a commissioner for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. He is a



passionate fly fisherman and unwavering advocate of the North Umpqua River and Steamboat Creek, its tributary.

Frank was also among the first to land on Utah Beach during the D-Day Invasion of Normandy in 1944. He fought for our freedoms, including the freedom to fish and hunt on public lands. He is a great friend of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers.

ACT NOW

JOIN BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS & ANGLERS IN ASKING CONGRESS TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION NOW. THIS DESIGNATION WOULD NOT ONLY UPHOLD EXISTING PROTECTIONS TO ONE OF OREGON'S MOST PRODUCTIVE WILD STEELHEAD SPAWNING HABITATS; IT ALSO WOULD HONOR A LOCAL LEGEND AND CONSERVATIONIST, FRANK MOORE.