



NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR METRO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Metro Council has referred the following measure to the voters of the Metro District at the May 21, 2013 Special Election. Any registered voter dissatisfied with the ballot title may file a petition with the Multnomah County Circuit Court for review on or before 5:00 p.m., February 7, 2013. Any person filing a challenge must also file a copy of the challenge with the Director of Elections, 1040 SE Morrison St., Portland, by the end of the next business day after the petition is filed with the Circuit Court.

Local option levy: improve natural areas, water quality for fish

Question: Shall Metro improve natural areas, water quality for fish: five-year operating levy, \$.096 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2013?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Twice in two decades, Metro voters approved measures to acquire thousands of acres of natural areas throughout the tri-county region. Past measures could not include money for maintenance and restoration.

This levy creates a dedicated fund to improve water quality for salmon and native fish, remove invasive weeds that threaten the health of these natural areas, restore wetlands and provide opportunities for people from around the region to experience nature close to home.

Cost

The estimated cost for the typical household is \$20 per year for five years.

Result of a "yes" vote

- Improve water quality in local rivers and streams for salmon and other native fish including the Clackamas, Sandy, Tualatin rivers; Fanno, Johnson creeks.
- Restore wildlife habitat and remove weeds that choke plants wildlife need for food and shelter.
- Restore wetlands and floodplains to control flooding, provide habitat for birds and amphibians.
- Construct or replace capital projects in parks, such as restrooms, picnic shelters, playgrounds.
- Provide nature education programs in natural areas to visitors and school-aged children.

The proposed rate (at \$.096/\$1,000) will raise approximately \$10.2 million in 2013-14, \$10.4 million in 2014-15, \$10.6 million in 2015-16, \$ 10.9 million in 2016-17 and \$11.2 million in 2017-18. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate

**Tim Scott, Director of Elections
Multnomah County**



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