

FISHHAWK FISHERIES

ASTORIA, OR

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Dear Energy, Environment and Water Committee Members:

I support HB-4068 because it creates the opportunity to maximize usage of discarded or underutilized by-catch to food banks in Oregon. Food banks partnered with licensed food processors assures both the food bank agencies and the consumer, safe products that are traceable from their source of origin.

As the law is currently administered, opportunities to provide food for these programs are lost. Food banks often don't themselves have the infrastructure to process the food. Because of the lack of clarity in the law, nonprofits don't negotiate processing arrangements. Food goes wasted.

HB-4068 maximizes the use of documented by-catch, creates processing jobs, and gives clarity to Oregon State Statutes regarding the use of those products.

Sincerely,



Steve Fick

President Fishhawk Fisheries Inc.