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Conserving biological diversity of native fish and protecting wild populations

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**STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF HB 2530**

The Native Fish Society supports the testimony of Dr. Williams for Trout Unlimited. His testimony is scientifically factual and addresses all the potential impacts of aquaculture using non-native Atlantic salmon on the Oregon environment and our native Pacific salmon species.

Genetically modified Atlantic salmon are likely to have even greater impact on Oregon's native salmon resources and economically important fisheries.

Therefore, the Native Fish Society joins with Trout Unlimited in support of H.B. 2530.

In addition, I would like to bring to the Legislature's attention the fact that Atlantic salmon are included in the Oregon list of the "***100 Most Dangerous Invaders to Keep Out of Oregon in 2013***" by the Oregon Invasive Species Council, Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The Invasive Species Council notes that Atlantic salmon was "placed on this list because of the risk to native salmon runs associated with potential Atlantic salmon escapes from commercial net pen aquaculture operations."

I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Bill Bakke, Founder, Former Executive Director, and Director of Science and Conservation

