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To: Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
From: Oregon Chapter of American Fisheries Society
Regarding: HB 2530 related to genetically modified fish
Date: March 20, 2013

Attached, please find the most recent American Fisheries Society *Policy Statement #21: Transgenic Fishes*, that sets forth concerns and recommendations related to genetically modified fish. We hope this information will be helpful as you deliberate on HB 2530.

The American Fisheries Society is the world's oldest and largest organization dedicated to strengthening fisheries and aquatic resources. The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, established in 1964, is comprised of over 450 aquatic and fisheries science professionals from federal, state, and tribal agencies, colleges and universities, and diverse private employers, and includes students and retirees. Our mission is to improve the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems for long-term public benefit by advancing science, education and public discourse concerning fisheries and aquatic science and by promoting the development of fisheries professionals.

Thank you for considering this background information as you deliberate on important legislation that has the potential to impact aquatic species and their habitats. Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you in any way with this or future legislative issues. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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