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**Testimony by
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Testimony on SB 360**

Good afternoon Chair Dingfelder and members of the committee. My name is Bruce McIntosh, Acting Fish Division Administrator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with ODFW's comments on Senate Bill 360.

Senate Bill 360 provides for an exemption from requirements for fish screens, by-pass devices and fish passage when the City of Astoria installs a small hydroelectric unit on its water supply system. ODFW understands that these fish protection requirements may discourage some from installing alternative energy systems in their artificial delivery systems.

Because of the concerns about the disincentive of requiring fish protection measures when installing alternative energy units on artificial delivery systems, ODFW has been participating in a workgroup formed by the Governor's office to attempt to find a solution. SB 837 is the result of the workgroups efforts to address the concerns between promoting alternative energy units for artificial delivery systems and the protection of fish in Oregon's rivers and streams. While SB 837 needs additional work, ODFW supports the SB 837 framework and believes it is a more comprehensive bill that will address similar concerns to what Astoria has across the state, leading to a more broad based solution to similar concerns statewide.

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