



Honorable Chair Dingfelder and members of the Committee,

Hi my name is B.G. Eilertson, I have worked in the Sportfishing Industry for over 35 years. I work for Fisherman's Marine and Outdoor. Formerly I was with G.I. Joe's and oversaw the Hard lines which included the fishing tackle and marine supplies

I am here to offer support for Senate Bill 830. This bill moves the management of the Columbia River in the right direction for this day and age. The importance of sport fishing in the Columbia River for Chinook salmon during the spring and fall runs can be quantified in the income it provides a wide range of industry individuals. At Fisherman's Marine and Outdoor, if we compare during run timing, days that the Columbia is open, to days that it is not open, it can be the difference of tens of thousands of dollars in income per day. On weekends it can mean as much as \$60,000 per day for the company. That is very important to this local company that provides full time jobs with benefits to 160 employees. The results of that business fuels hundreds of jobs and income for our local area suppliers and their salesmen. With consistent dependable sport fishing seasons, there will be a huge economic lift to Oregon businesses, large and small.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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