



# NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

*Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters*

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## **Testimony in Support of HB 3441B**

**to the**

**Senate Committee on Rules**

The Native Fish Society is a regional fish conservation organization that advocates for the protection and restoration of wild native fish and their habitats. We are here today in support of HB 3441B with the B-10 amendments. We encourage the committee to pass the bill and send it to the Senate floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

For the past few months we have had the opportunity to work with the sponsors of this bill in refining provisions of the bill and for that we offer our appreciation. As with any legislative process, there has been give and take, but we are satisfied with the final outcome in the bill before you today with the proposed B-10 amendments.

Throughout this process, the goal of the Native Fish Society has been to provide statutory direction to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC). When the Center was established by the Legislature in 2003, it was done with an appropriation of funds along with a budget note and budget narrative. We believe that having some provisions in law that govern the operation and oversight of the OHRC make good sense. If this bill becomes law, we look forward to making recommendations for appointments to the Center's advisory committee as well as supporting the Center's operation. We see the Center as an important component in improving the capability of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct important and meaningful science related to reforming and updating the department's fish propagation program.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 3441B.

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