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Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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Trout Unlimited testimony in Support for HB 3441B

Chair Rosenbaum and Committee members-

I am Tom Wolf, chair of the Oregon Council Trout Unlimited. Trout Unlimited is the largest coldwater conservation group in the country and is dedicated to restoring wild native salmoniid populations and their habitat. I am here today to state TU's support for HB 3441B and the B-10 amendments.

Trout Unlimited has been part of the effort of many groups and legislators to pass HB 3441, an effort to improve the operation the ODFW/OSU Hatchery Research Center. This bill is the result of many different groups and legislators from both parties working together on HB 3441. The Hatchery Research Center is the only arm of scientific research left to ODFW, one which can work on important projects which can be used to recover native salmon populations in Oregon. HB 3441 is centered on the advisory group attached to the Research facility and improves the makeup and capabilities of the group. If HB 3441 passes, Trout Unlimited will work to help fill positions in the advisory committee, which will help in the important research that will be accomplished at the Hatchery Research Center.

TU urges the Senate Committee on Rules to pass HB 3441 with the B-10 amendments onto the Senate floor with a "do pass" recommendation. This honors the work of all those involved in creating this bill and will help in the scientific research needed to recover and restore our salmon populations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited