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Representative Krieger,

Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) received Accreditation in January 2014. In its first decision as an independently accredited institution, the TBCC Board approved a brand new Agriculture and Natural Resources degree that began in the fall of 2014.

A few weeks ago myself and the faculty coordinator of the Agriculture and Natural Resource degree program, Emily Henry, visited the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. This was our first but not our last visit. What we found is a unique center that is not replicated anywhere in the United States or the world, and that offers our students a place to observe and learn. This research center opened 10 years ago and will add value and application to our new program. As you know, the goal of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center (OHRC) is to answer scientific questions related to fish recovery and hatchery programs, including the differences that may exist between wild and hatchery fish, and how to better manage those differences. The research center continues to break ground and give insights that were not available a few years ago.

The center does more than create a one-of-a-kind research center for salmonids; it is a center for learning. K-12 schools and their students have access to understand the wide range of research and the many careers that are available in research. It is open for community college students to be exposed to research and to assist in the process. It is important to maintain the center, its research and the access to educate young and old, researcher and the public.

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