



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters

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STATEMENT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

HB 2808, 2997 & 2998

The Native Fish Society is a regional wild fish advocacy organization with several hundred members throughout the region. Our mission is to protect and restore wild native fish and the habitats that sustain them. We appreciate this opportunity to again comment on HB 2808, 2997 and 2998.

At last week's public hearing on these bills, we offered written testimony on the bills and provided the committee with background information from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. At this time, we would like to add to the hearing record by submitting a copy of Technical Bulletin 152, June 2005 from the OSU Agriculture Experiment Station entitled *BIOLOGY, ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF WESTERN JUNIPER*. This publication is one of the more comprehensive documents on the ecology and management of native western juniper available. The sections on Ecology, Hydrology, and Guidelines for Management are particularly informative.

Now, for the record, I would like to clearly state what the position of the Native Fish Society is with regard to these bills:

HB 2808: For a number of reasons we do not support this bill and recommend that it receive no further consideration.

HB 2998: We support adoption of the dash-1 amendments and a referral of this bill to the Ways & Means Committee for consideration of the funding requested in the bill.

HB 2997: As a companion bill to 2998, we believe that this bill should also be referred to the Ways & Means Committee for consideration.

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