



Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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In support of HB 3012

Chair Witt and Committee members-

I am here today representing the 27000 members of Trout Unlimited here in Oregon as well as the 150,000 members nationwide.

Trout Unlimited does and always has, supported vital scientific research on impacts of hatchery fish and wild fish and other research that will lead to the recovery of wild salmon and steelhead populations. That is why TU is very supportive of HB 3012. We believe the creation of the Oregon Hatchery Center Research Fund will help fund the research center without using general fund money. Trout Unlimited supports this bill and believes it is another step in keeping the HRC as the vital research center it has become for salmon and steelhead recovery.

Trout Unlimited supported HB 3441 in 2013 which helped reshape and recharge the Hatchery Research Center. HB 3012 moves one further step in insuring there is adequate funding for all the key research done at the Hatchery Research Center.

Trout Unlimited asks that you pass HB 3012 out of committee and refer it to Ways and Means. This bill will be a vital step in moving forward on research which needs to be done to help in critical salmon and steelhead recovery.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf,

Executive Director

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