

House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Testimony – HB 3012

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For the Record I am Lindsay Ball, currently reside in Pendleton Oregon.

I am the Vice Chair on the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board and I come before you today to speak in favor of the passage of HB 3012.

As proposed, HB3012 will generate an estimated 1.2 million dollars per biennium to stimulate research at the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. The money generated by the bill would be "other fund" money from license and poundage fees, not from the state general fund.

Please be reminded that during the 2013 Legislative session, you (the legislature) passed the bill that changed the configuration of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board and caused it to have a closer tie to the Oregon legislature.

The Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Oregon State University concluded the pressing need for a dedicated funding source specific to fishery research. We cannot be dependent upon grants and donations to further our work. Depending on grant dollars has not worked well the last ten years. We can do more with a dedicated funding source.

Discuss the Geo-Magnetic Field Experiment

There is more to do and with the passage of HB3012 we will surely accomplish more.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.