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Representative Brad Witt, Chair House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources Oregon State Legislature

Support for HB 3333

The Network of Oregon Watershed Councils (NOWC) and Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) work in partnership to support the efforts of nearly 90 watershed councils and 45 soil and water conservation districts statewide. Councils and districts implement almost 70% of the projects OWEB funds statewide. We collectively support HB 3333, which helps to clarify the purposes for which Oregon Salmon Plate revenue is used.

We recognize that salmon are an iconic Oregon species and representative of native fish in Oregon. We appreciate the substantial support that has been provided by the voluntary purchase of Oregon Salmon Plates, as well as the important impact Salmon Plate revenue has had for on-the-ground restoration.

We appreciate your time and consideration,

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