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Rep. Brian Clem
Rep... David Gomberg
Rep. Dan Rayfield
Rep Richard Devlin
Rep. Val Hoyle

Re: ODFW Fishing License Increase

Dear Representatives

I write to you in disgust regarding the ODFW proposed fee increase for fishing licenses in the State of Oregon. I am a fishing guide that fishes the Columbia River estuary from Portland to Astoria.

The proposed increases to the licenses is hurting my business as currently costs a lot of money just to go fishing and now you want to raise the rates. This equates to less customers that want to go fishing.

You're asking for support from us local fisherman but continue to attack us with area restrictions such as the closure area in the Young's Bay boundary and use of barbless hooks. ODFW proposed a recommendation to use barbed hooks in the Willamette River and our wonderful commission dismissed the change mostly due to their ignorance of the proposal. Such action not only hurts the funding cause but clouds the relationship with our support of ODFW.

There are 7 district representatives for the state on the Commission. **WHERE IS THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR DISTRICT ONE?** That person represents the greatest share of local fishing licenses in the state. Please don't hide behind the fact that it's a Governor's appointed position. You are our representatives and it your job to get this done.

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