



NATIVE FISH SOCIETY

Advancing the Recovery of Native, Wild Fish in Their Homewaters

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STATEMENT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF CONCEPTS IN SB 125

The Native Fish Society (NFS) is a regional wild fish advocacy organization with over seven hundred members. Our mission is to protect and restore wild native fish and their habitats.

SB 125 contains a number of concepts that, if adopted, would substantially improve the process when the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife adopts new programs or makes certain changes to existing programs. Specifically, section two provides important components that would lead to more public involvement and better understanding of the need for these programs and should lead to more support from the public for activities of the agency. NFS thanks Senator Hansell for putting these ideas before the Oregon Legislature for consideration.

In anticipation of a hearing on the bill, NFS had earlier provided Senator Hansell with several suggested changes and additions to the bill. That information is attached to our statement. NFS understands that some of the ideas in our proposal have been incorporated into amendments to the bill.

We believe that this bill has important potential and we look forward to reviewing those amendments in the hope that we can consider providing our full support for the bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on SB 125

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