



Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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Trout Unlimited supports SJM 9

Chair Witt and Committee members-

I am here representing Trout Unlimited, a national cold water conservation group whose mission is to protect and restore native wild salmonids and their habitat. The over 150,000 members we have nationwide volunteer many hours to doing stream restoration, working to pass wise pro-wild fish bills and working with natural resource agencies to help with salmon and trout protection. One of the key issues confronting us is the prevention and removal of invasive species from our watersheds.

In the United States right now, a major ecological and economic catastrophe is happening. That is the spread of non-native invasive species into local ecosystems. It is having a drastic impact on our native species, causing a decline in hunting and fishing opportunities and costing local and state governments millions of dollars to deal with the removal of these invasive species.

Trout Unlimited feels that SJM 9 is very important, because funding for both monitoring and prevention is key to dealing with all the varieties of invasive species, both terrestrial and aquatic. Without this funding, critical work cannot be done.

So it is important to pass SJM 9 so that the federal government can be reminded how important these funds are to implement needed programs to monitor and prevent invasive species in Oregon.

Trout Unlimited urges your "Yes" vote on SJM 9.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf,

Executive Director

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