

Please accept these comments and include them into the hearing record.

I live in Josephine County, Oregon and am a Certified Water Right Examiner. It is important to me that the ODFW is fully funded and that its budget be increased. With an increasing Oregon population the management of our public fish and wildlife resources are more critical each year.

Also, I work on many water right transfers and water use permits each year. It is very important that the ODFW budget is increased so that ODFW staff can timely review and inspect the fish requirements for water right transfers and water use permits.

I used to be a board member on the Illinois Valley Watershed Council. It is important that the fish habitat improvements achieved to date are maintained and that future habitat improvements be made. The progress and investments made during the past decades should not be sacrificed or lost.

Please support SB 247 and the fee increases it contains.

Sincerely,

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