

*Dear Joint Ways and Means Committee Members,*

*Please support SB 247 and the nominal fee increases that it contains.*

*Please do not cut ODFW's Fish Water Program or assistant district biologists. As an angler, I value the program and its staff.*

*They are involved in virtually every water allocation and reallocation decision in the state. The ongoing drought has made them even more of a necessity.*

*These are essential capacities that must be maintained regardless of the budget climate at ODFW and regardless of whether fee increases or increased general fund appropriations occur. My angling friends and I all support this bill.*

*Please place my comments in the OLIS record.*

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