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Dear Ms. Clawson:

Speaking on behalf of the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce and our 630 members, I would ask that you convey our gratitude to Governor Brown for her appointment of Bruce Buckmaster to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for the 1st Congressional District. Our District hasn't been represented on the Commission since December 2012 and Governor Brown simply could not have made a better choice.

Bruce brings to the Commission an extensive knowledge of fish and wildlife issues and he has a proven ability to think outside the box in an effort to maintain balance between **all** user groups. He is an avid fly fisherman himself and has a close working relationship with both the Columbia River Treaty Tribes and our lower river commercial fishermen, which speaks highly of his diplomatic skills. Bruce definitely knows the meaning of and the need for the word "balance" and it is this knowledge that gives him the respect that he so richly deserves.

During his years at Bioproducts and Bio-Oregon, Bruce worked to develop low phosphorus hatchery feed, working closely with ODFW's hatchery program. He also served on numerous Boards and Commissions, including the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, the ODFW Native fish Task Force, the Federal Pinniped Interaction Task Force, The ODFW External Budget Advisory Committee and the Pacific Fishery Management Council. Utilizing his this tremendous experience, Bruce fully realizes both the social and economic value of our seafood resources for **all** user groups.

Once again, please share with Governor Brown our gratitude for her selection of Bruce Buckmaster to serve on the ODFW Commission. He will serve her well and he will serve Oregon well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Skip Hauke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "H".

Skip Hauke, Executive Director