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Via E-mail and First Class Mail

Honorable Diane Rosenbaum
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Dear Senator Rosenbaum:

As a 35 year constituent of Senate District No. 21, I urge you to honor Governor Kate Brown by voting to confirm her nomination of Bruce B. Buckmaster to the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission.

Mr. Buckmaster is an excellent sport fisherman. I have been sport fishing with Mr. Buckmaster in many places and I have learned from his excellent sport fishing skills. I have been sport fishing with Mr. Buckmaster on the Deschutes River in Oregon, on the lower Columbia River in Oregon, and in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Oregon and Washington.

I have been sport fishing with Mr. Buckmaster on Kodiak Island, Alaska, on the Karluk River. I have been sport fishing with Mr. Buckmaster in the Bristol Bay region of Alaska, on the Naknek River, the Nushagak River, the Brooks River, and Lake Becharof at the headwaters of the Egegik River. I have been sport fishing with Mr. Buckmaster on the Sapsuk River on the tip of the Alaskan Peninsula near Cold Bay, Alaska.

I understand that Mr. Buckmaster has the support of the Oregon Anglers and other sport fishermen and sport fishing groups. I also understand that representatives of the Treaty Tribes of the Columbia River, through the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, support the nomination of Mr. Buckmaster. The native peoples were the stewards of Oregon's fish and wildlife for thousands of years before Europeans came to North America, so the voice of the tribes should be considered as the best endorsement of Governor Brown's choice of Mr. Buckmaster.

I understand that some lobbyists and employees of sport fishing tackle manufacturers may oppose Mr. Buckmaster's nomination. I cannot imagine any valid reason to oppose such an excellent and avid sport fisherman as Mr. Buckmaster.

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Mr. Buckmaster has sport fished in many other areas where I have never been. He has sport fished on the Owyhee River in eastern Oregon and the Williamson River in southern Oregon. Mr. Buckmaster has sport fished off the coast of Costa Rica. Mr. Buckmaster has sport fished in Indiana and Minnesota.

Although I am not a hunter, I know that Mr. Buckmaster is a hunter as well as a fisherman. I know he has hunted deer in Oregon and hunted elk here as well. Mr. Buckmaster is a long time duck hunter. Mr. Buckmaster has also hunted upland game birds.

In addition to Mr. Buckmaster's sport fishing and hunting skills and experience, Mr. Buckmaster is uniquely qualified to serve on the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission because prior to his retirement from the company that he co-owned – BioProducts – he sold feed for hatcheries to the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (and to the fish and wildlife agencies of other states). Mr. Buckmaster's former business relationship with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife gives him a unique, special and very important perspective as a member of the Commission. Mr. Buckmaster's former role – prior to his retirement and the sale of his company – as a vendor to the Department will be very helpful to the commission.

I have also been commercial fishing with Mr. Buckmaster. I may be your only constituent who holds an Oregon gill net fishing license. Most of the gill net fishermen – who fish for the consumer and not for themselves and therefore should properly be called the “consumer fishermen” instead of “commercial fishermen” – live along the lower Columbia River in the counties of Clatsop or Columbia (or in the Washington counties of Wahkiakum and Pacific). Mr. Buckmaster's knowledge of both the sport fisheries and commercial fisheries of the State of Oregon makes him very qualified to serve on the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission.

In addition to this background in fish and wildlife issues, his prior work with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and his background in the agricultural industry (before moving to Oregon many years ago), Mr. Buckmaster is a voracious reader who has a keen intellect. If you have any question about Mr. Buckmaster's fairness, intelligence or integrity I suggest that you invite him to your office for a discussion. You will be impressed.

Governor Kate Brown – my former senator here in District 21 – did the people of the State of Oregon a tremendous service by nominating Bruce B. Buckmaster to the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission. Please confirm the excellent judgment of Governor Kate Brown and make a strong statement in favor of the fish resources and wildlife resources of the State of Oregon by voting “yes” to confirm Bruce B. Buckmaster to the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Commission.

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I would be happy to answer any questions you might have about Mr. Buckmaster or his nomination. Please feel free to call me at (503) 318-7619, write me at the above address, or contact me by e-mail at tdulcich@schwabe.com.

Very truly yours,



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