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Subject: Support for Bruce Buckmaster's nomination to the Fish and Wildlife Commission

I am writing in support of Bruce Buckmaster's recent nomination to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. I have known Bruce for almost 15 years and have worked with him in numerous groups, including the Columbia River Commercial Advisory Group and several of the working groups organized between 2007 and 2012 to try and resolve salmon sharing issues on the Columbia. It has always been apparent that Bruce understands the issues, conveys his thoughts and perspectives in a manner that is open to all listeners, and he is quick to identify the pertinent aspects of a topic.

He comprehends both the science and the social concerns. His experience reaches beyond the commercial fishery, with involvements in the Oregon Hatchery Research Center, the ODFW Native Fish Task Force, the Federal Pinniped Interaction Task Force, and other groups associated with fish conservation and management.

He has also been an avid hunter and fishermen for all of his life. At meetings, I've seen him argue allocation sharing with sport fishermen in the morning, and at lunch reminisce with them about shared experiences fly-fishing in Alaska. He knows how to work with people, and how to get them to expand their perspectives. He always seeks to reach win-win solutions in which everyone gains, even if not everyone gets everything they want.

Bruce's critics have inferred that he will simply promote commercial fishing, but his experience and involvement in fisheries in Oregon should make it clear that his background and interests go far beyond commercial fishing and would be useful in the broad range of Commission responsibilities. The Commission is responsible for managing the resources owned by all citizens of the state, not just the 10% who sport fish. Bruce can do that, and do it fairly.

The Lower Columbia region has been without a representative on the Commission since before 2012. That period includes the time when the current Columbia River Management Policy was developed and approved. And yet, the Lower Columbia region was the one most affected by that Policy. Bruce would be a great selection to represent them now, and his experience will allow him to fairly represent the interests of all citizens of Oregon..

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