

Attention Senator Devlin

April 28, 2015

The Honorable Kate Brown
Office of the Governor
State of Oregon

Dear Governor Brown,

As an active sport fishing leader I wish to commend you on your appointment of Bruce Buckmaster to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. Over the past 15 years I have had numerous opportunities to work collaboratively with Bruce. I have experienced him to always deport himself with integrity.

I first met Bruce when I was invited to join a citizen driven diverse group, the Citizen's Economic and Fish Recovery Forum. It consisted of Columbia River stakeholders representing the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Bruce for commercial fisheries, tribes, wheat growers, electric producers, barge companies, timber harvesters, Idaho water users, and myself for sport fishing. We worked for consensus on a series of contentious issues, and produced an award winning white paper on wild and hatchery fish.

Because of our reputations for collaboration, and willingness to share a precious resource, we both were asked to join the committee working on the Native Fish Conservation Plan in 2002. We also were appointed to the Coastal Coho Recovery Plan, and both served several years on the Oregon Hatchery Research Center's Stakeholder Advisory Board (where I served as chair for 2 years). We currently both serve on the federal "Pinniped / Fishery Interaction Task Force" which is attempting to address the massive sea lion predation on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

I know Mr. Buckmaster as a sport fisherman, as well as a commercial fishing representative. He has always been ethical, and willing to work with all interests to share and preserve our iconic resources of both fish and game.

I know what he has done for sport fishing far better than the fear mongers who are attacking you for this appointment. Congratulations on a job well done!

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