

From the desk of Senator Michael Dembrow

Support the Budget for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Support SB 5511

The mission of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife, and their habitats, for use and enjoyment by present and future generations. Oregon's outdoor recreation is estimated to generate annually \$12.8 billion in consumer spending, \$4.0 billion in wages and salaries, 141,000 direct Oregon jobs, and \$955 million in state and local tax revenues.¹



The 2015-17 ODFW budget as recommended by the Natural Resources Subcommittee and Full Ways and Means Committee prioritizes programs that protect and encourage angling and hunting, protect habitat, and makes investments in research and data gathering. The agency's budget is constructed to balance the needs of user groups and the public all across Oregon. It also works to draw funding from appropriate funding sources.

SB 5511 is part of a package of bills that equitably funds ODFW for the 2015-17 biennium and sets precedent for a successful agency moving forward into future years. Members of the Oregon Conservation network encourage you to support the ODFW budget as recommended.

Vote Yes on SB 5511 and support essential fish and wildlife programs for Oregon's hunters, anglers and outdoor recreation users.

With gratitude,
The Oregon Conservation Network

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¹ http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/PLANS/docs/scorp/2013-2018_SCORP/2013-2017_Oregon_SCORP.pdf