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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Senate Bill 557

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA), I am writing in support of Senate Bill 557.

The West Coast Seafood Processors Association (WCSPA) represents shore-based seafood processors in California, Oregon, and Washington. Our members process most of the fish and shellfish delivered to shoreside plants and provide healthy, sustainable seafood to consumers throughout the United States. Our members employ hundreds of workers from coastal communities that depend on fishing and seafood infrastructure.

We note SB 557 uses a policy design supported by the Working Group on Seafood and Energy, based in Seattle. It found this kind of policy to be the strongest option for reducing emissions and the most beneficial for economic growth and job creation. It has the potential to both protect healthy marine resources and also avoid disrupting stable and affordable energy supplies – both of which are key requirements for seafood production.

Fisheries resources, like the atmosphere, are publicly owned resources and fisheries leaders have experience with various policies for managing public resources. For example, people familiar with federal fisheries management readily understand that capping emissions is one tool to ensure the public gets what it pays for when buying down emissions. Seafood industries learned this the hard way when efforts to downsize overcapitalized fishing fleets foundered without a cap on the number of vessels.

Therefore, we support the overarching goal of cap, trade and invest. Investing in a healthier future benefits the fisheries on which we depend and also the consumers who rely on our members to supply healthy, sustainable seafood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Chambers", is written over a blue wavy line that matches the logo's design.

Susan Chambers, Deputy Director