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Trout Unlimited testimony in support of HB 3147

Chair Clem and Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf and I am here representing Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest coldwater conservation group. Of big interest to Trout Unlimited is helping to research lessening the impact of hatchery salmonid on their wild counterparts. The Oregon Hatchery Research Center has been doing some great research projects and TU has been a big supporter, both now and in the past.

Therefore, Trout Unlimited supports HB 3147, which would require ODFW Director consult groups with OHRC interest before appointing people to OHRC Board. This seems like a fair bill and could help create a highly-qualified Board of Directors, with qualified candidates.

So Trout Unlimited urges you to pass HB 3147 in the continued process to improve the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited