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Trout Unlimited testimony in support of HB 3153

Chair Clem and Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf, here representing Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest cold-water conservation group. Our 3200 members in Oregon and 155,000 nationwide are dedicated to restoring and protecting our countries wild native salmonid populations and their habitat. One of the key proponents to keying up on population numbers is the use of good monitoring tools. That is why Trout Unlimited is here today to support HB 3153, which would require ODFW to use dual frequency identification sonar devices for monitoring key salmon populations.

Monitoring is a very important key to determining key population growth or demise of wild salmon/trout/steelhead populations. And the best possible technology, which is always improving should be used if possible. HB 3153 would use the latest technology, dual-frequency identification sonar -and provide funding through federal money sources, thus not using state general fund. While not applicable in every situation, where they can be used these sonar devices are a great choice for monitoring.

So in closing, Trout Unlimited urges the committee to pass this bill, HB 3153, forward.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf

Trout Unlimited

