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Trout Unlimited testimony on DSL budget-SB 5537

Co-chairs Frederick and Witt, Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf, representing Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest cold-water conservation group. Our members are dedicated to restoring and protecting the habitat and populations of wild native salmonids. As part of these efforts, one of the things Trout Unlimited tries to accomplish is to support state and federal natural resources agency budgets in areas where they can help with the conservation of wild trout and salmon -and their watersheds.

That is why Trout Unlimited supports the 2017-19 Department of State Lands budget, SB 5537. Of particular interest to us is the Aquatic Resources Management Plan. We want to see that this program is adequately funded, not only the program itself but the two POPs ,101 and 104. DSL has an important mission in dealing with submergible lands in Oregon and it is important that they have adequate funding so their mission can continue.

So in conclusion, Trout Unlimited asks that DSL get their requested funding so they continue to pursue their long term strategy. This is so important for Oregon natural resources and for all Oregonians.