

March 23, 2017

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Shellfish Initiative

Chair and Committee Members:

This letter offers my support to HB 2784 and HB 3234; both of which result from the efforts of the Legislative Shellfish Task Force I was privileged to be a member of. As a private citizen and as representative of tribal interests, I am satisfied that both public and tribal perspectives were welcomed and considered in the fullness of the Task Force's deliberations and its subsequent recommendations to the State Legislature.

I particularly appreciate Senator Johnson and Representative McKeown for their leadership to engage a public process that was inclusive of many and sometimes divergent perspectives; and for their repeated reminders to the Task Force to make the outcomes of its work meaningful and beneficial to the broadest interests of Oregon's coastal citizens and communities.

From a tribal perspective, nothing in either HB 2784 or HB 3234 compromises or contradicts the several State-Tribal Government to Government (G2G) agreements or arrangements already in place. In fact, both Bills- read in their largest context- facilitate further opportunities for State-Tribal G2G collaboration: prosperity and resiliency of coastal economies, responsible management and protection of coastal resources, and public education being the shared interests of Oregon and Oregon's Coastal Tribes.

I urge your consideration of both HB 2784 and HB 3234.

Sincerely

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