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Dear Committee,

I support increased funding for ODFW for instream flow positions, and support increased funding overall for ODFW, especially for nongame species conservation. I oppose any diminution in funding to ODFW's water program.

Protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat components like streams is important to our quality of life in Oregon. It also draws tourists from all over the world. In states along the east coast, legislatures have not allocated sufficient funding to protect terrestrial wildlife habitat and streams, and consequently no-one goes there to see wildlife.

By contrast, according to the latest report last year, in 2015 tourism contributed \$10.8 billion to Oregon's economy. And according to a 2008 report prepared for ODFW, \$2.5 billion of that, or about 25% of tourism dollars, is directly related to wildlife recreation expenditures.

It makes good financial sense to fund ODFW protection of Oregon's streams and rivers, and to increase funding for ODFW overall. People will not come to Oregon to see streams and rivers with no fish in them- they can get that elsewhere.

The streams and rivers of Central Oregon are so beautiful and so beloved Please ensure fish and wildlife are protected by prudently funding ODFW.

Thank you for your attention to these views.

Best regards,

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