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To: [JWMNR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Comment in Support of HB 5010 & POP 108
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I understand that the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources is taking input on HB5010 and Policy Option Package 108. As a resident of Central Oregon, which has severe competition for water resources, and an licensed angler, I strongly support FULL funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Water Quality/Quantity Program – POP 108.

As a member of Central Oregon Flyfishers, Sunriver Anglers, Upper Deschutes River Coalition and a owner of horse property strongly support funding for the instream flow positions, which are currently not in the Governor's Recommended Budget. I have supported our local farmers who rely on reservoir dam regulations to irrigate their fields (I buy their hay and alfalfa) and supported conservation measures such as lining and covering/piping irrigation flows.

I oppose any cuts to ODFW's Water Program. The program is already sorely unfunded and with increasing pressures on our state's water resources the work of the Water Program (POP 108) is more important than ever. The Deschutes river system is experiencing adverse effects of low flow rates and it is impacting the local economy that relies on tourism. For these and many other reasons is it critical that ODFW receive Full funding at the vital juncture.

Sincerely,

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