

**From:** Gordon  
**To:** [JWMNR Exhibits](#)  
**Subject:** HB5010  
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Please enter this written testimony into the record:

Dear members of the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing in regards to the water program budget that is housed in Policy Option Package (POP) 108, that the Governor's Recommended Budget does not fully fund. POP 108 needs to be fully funded in order for ODFW to be able to do the instream water flow studies so that they can determine and set standards for minimum stream flows to provide suitable habitat for fish. I strongly support fully funding ODFW's Water Program, and oppose any cuts to their budget. I am a river-dependent business owner, Lake Creek Lodge, located on Lake Creek, a major tributary to the Metolius River in Central Oregon. We have worked collaboratively for many years with ODFW and other state and federal agencies to restore the flows and anadromous fish runs back to the Metolius Basin. In fact just last week volunteers working under the direction of ODFW released thousands of Chinook Salmon fry into Lake Creek on Lake Creek Lodge property (see attached photos). Please don't let this work be compromised for lack of vision and foresight. Smart budgeting and the promotion of programs that enlist volunteers leverages our state resources. We must protect our rivers and streams if we want to be responsible stewards of this precious state!

Thank You,

Gordon C. Jones

**Suggested Talking Points:**

Oregon's rivers are important to me because...

I strongly support full funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Water Quality/Quantity Program – POP 108

I strongly support funding for the instream flow positions, which are currently not in the Governor's Recommended Budget

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. Please take this opportunity to show your support for protecting our rivers!









