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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council supports increased funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to provide long-term stewardship of Oregon's iconic fish, wildlife and their habitat – essential to a healthy, economically strong Oregon.

Specifically, we endorse funding for programs that identify and maintain streamflows to support healthy fisheries and improve resiliency to climate change. Oregon's food fish management policy states: *Food fish shall be managed to provide economic, commercial, recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state*¹. The 2012 Integrated Water Resource Strategy² calls out that the state's ability to meet in-stream needs for economic and ecological health is limited by an understanding of these needs, and that scientific analysis and modeling is needed in order to understand and support in-stream needs.

We support full funding for package 108, ODFW's Water Quality and Water Quantity Program, to provide adequate, permanent staff to conduct in-stream flow studies and implement findings necessary to comply with the state food fish policy and to maintain productive rivers and native fisheries for all of Oregon.

¹ ORS 506.109

² https://www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/law/integrated_water_supply_strategy.aspx