

Dear Representative Clem:

I was President of the American Fisheries Society (AFS, 2013-2014), AFS Western Division (2006-2007), AFS Oregon Chapter (1994-1995), AFS Water Quality Section (1999-2001), and AFS International Fisheries Section (2015-2016).

In addition, I am an AFS Fellow, a Fellow of the Society for Freshwater Science, and the recipient of the Oregon AFS Lifetime Achievement Award (2017) and Fisheries Worker of the Year Award (2011) and the 2006 recipient of the Environmental Stewardship Award from the North American Benthological Society.

To date, I have published 191 peer-reviewed publications, and continue to publish despite my retirement in 2010.

I cannot attend your April hearings for the subject bill, but I strongly support it because I have spent my entire professional career working to protect all aquatic life--not just those few species of immediate utilitarian value to humans.

Thank you,

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