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**To: The Honorable Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**



**House Concurrent Resolution 14
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On behalf of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, I would like to thank you for hearing House Concurrent Resolution 14, which recognizes Tom Rumreich for his contributions to Oregon Fisheries. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Sen Roblan, Rep McKeown, Rep Boone, Rep Gomberg and Rep Smith for their efforts in developing this resolution.

Tom Rumreich served for thirty-seven years as a Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) biologist for the Department. He started with the program at its inception, and built a program in the Coos-Coquille-Tenmile District. A program that has been a model for outdoor education and community involvement.

Tom received many honors and awards during his career, but one that is very meaningful was his recognition in 2015 for having educated over 100,000 students thru the STEP program. Tom's efforts to connect students and their communities to Oregon's fishery resources is deserving of recognition through this resolution.

Thank you for your time today.

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