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Trout Unlimited testimony in support of HB 3425-2 amendments

House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited

Chair Clem and Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf, Executive Director of the Oregon Council Trout Unlimited, here representing our members here in Oregon. Our members are involved in all matters that impact recovering and protecting salmon populations here in the Pacific Northwest. In the 4 H's, which is the mantra for salmon recovery, there is Habitat, Hatchery, Hydropower and Harvest. Sometimes we forget how important the Harvest part of that mantra is. Therefore, Trout Unlimited is supporting HB 3425, with -2 amendments.

Trout Unlimited feels that it is fair that fishing seasons for salmon on the Columbia be set in proportion to revenues generated by recreational and commercial salmon fisheries. Since Trout Unlimited knows the recreationally portion of the fishing seasons brings much more in revenue for the state, both in jobs and incidentals like spending for hotels, restaurants, etc in rural communities, it is only fair to allocate more fishing opportunities to recreational anglers.

So, Trout Unlimited to vote yes on this bill and move in forward. For the recreational fishing industry and community, this is the fair thing to do.

