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Honorable Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

RE HB 3425

I recently became aware of HB 3425, which could have some disastrous consequences if passed. Coastal communities depend on the commercial fishing industry as a significant portion of the economic engine that drives Astoria and other coastal towns. Hundreds of jobs in Astoria alone are dependent on the commercial fishing boats having access to the resource that we seafood consumers desire. This bill is could have some disastrous unintended consequences—for example, I'm guessing that the revenue generated by recreational crabbers is a fraction of that generated by the commercial fleet—and I would hate to see the recreational harvest reduced. I am a recreational crabber from the coast and value the recreational crabbing opportunities that many of our small coastal estuaries offer.

Oregon needs to continue to manage her natural resources based on the policies that are in effect, not change them to benefit one type of user over another. Please do not support HB 3425.

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