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## Oregon Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

HB 3147 Requires State Fish and Wildlife Director to, before appointing Oregon Hatchery Research Center Board members, consult with organizations that represent certain interests and take into consideration nominations or recommendations received in course of consultation. ODFW Director should include Board members representing Stakeholders for one position for Watershed Councils and two At Large positions.

Watershed Councils have always had a vested interest in the OHRC, since the beginning. Watershed Councils have a unique perspective of challenges in Oregon Waterways, including Native Species.

The two at Large positions allow interested At Large Representation. The whole principles of the OHRC has the base elements of Education and Research. The OHRC current Board is out of balance with the intentions of original bill. One Watershed Council and two At Large positions provide Stakeholder's Representation of the Health of Waterways, Native Fish, the Public interest and Economics.

I have been involved with the OHRC, since the beginning of Public meetings by ODFW. I stayed after the public meeting in Newport and had a private meeting with all of the ODFW Staff. I pushed very hard for the Partnership with ODFW and OSU. ODFW owned the Public the formation of the Oregon Hatchery Research Center. Transparency, Research, and Education is at the Core Mission of the OHRC. The meetings were held because of the Public Outrage over the massive Fish Kills, when the Alsea Fall Creek Fish Hatchery was closed. The Public was not allowed to fish for the unwanted Hatchery Fish. This would have been the smart thing to do. For how ever many years it took to remove the Hatchery Fish runs. Nor, were the Fish allowed to Live to increase the local Fish population, wanted by the Public. The fish were just Wasted. The Public were kept in the dark, until Alsea Cable filmed the Fish Kill. This ODFW action was completely unacceptable by the Public, Fishermen and Locals were all outraged. ODFW agreed to open the OHRC.

Oregon Watershed Councils are Critical Stakeholders for Oregon Waterways Bearing Native Fish and belong on the OHRC Board. A representative for Watershed Councils has a primary need to provide information on waterways, habitats, restorations and the health of Native Fish runs. Watershed Councils provides necessary critical information for the OHRC Board to make good decisions. The two At Large Positions are needed to provide knowledge and input on the direction of the OHRC Education and Research. Without the Watershed Council and At Large Board positions, the OHRC, ODFW and OSU could once again have secret agendas and policies that exclude the Public and do harm to the Native Fish Runs. Excluding Watershed Councils and the Public At Large is unacceptable for the transparency of

the OHRC. Both Watershed Councils and the Public At Large are Primary Stakeholders that were required representation of the original bill. These three positions should be included once again. OHRC should continue to provide World Class Research & Education Facility that help provide funding to do Oregon research and public education.

Another critical situation for OHRC is to **Fix the Alsea Fall Creek Road to the OHRC. It is very dangerous. ODOT should take possession of the Alsea Fall Creek Road from Lincoln County.** School Buses and Log Trucks Don't Mix well. The road does not meet the State Standards to a State Public Facility. The Alsea Fall Creek Road is very narrow and muddy. Gravel just sinks. It needs to be redesigned and rebuilt being paved. Include a 3 mile long park from Hwy 34 to the OHRC. That provides Outdoor School Facilities with Education, Housing, Restrooms, Mess Hall, Sleeping quarters, Yurts and Little Houses that can be chained together and move to needed location. OHRC Outdoor Schools could also include Parents. Many of the Schools Kids have been to the OHRC, but not the Parents.

The Alsea Fall Creek State Park could provide Camping for Families to Attend Outdoor School Activities. Spring Break Family Events Outdoor School. The OHRC also has 17.5 acres of unused land across Fall Creek that could be careful developed for Outdoor School Science. There is Thissell Pond along Fall Creek Rd that provides fishing and a Beaver Family to study. There could also be educational events at the North Alsea River Hatchery. This would be a huge Economic boost for Alsea and local residences. Alsea, OHRC, N. Alsea Fish Hatchery, Students and the Public could benefit from the Alsea Fall Creek Outdoor School State Park. Alsea unemployment is locally high compared to other communities. Recreational Economics is very valuable for the Alsea River People from Alsea to Waldport. Fishing, Hiking, Biking and Wildlife are all important. The Alsea Fall Creek Road is currently very dangerous. In redesigning the Road to the OHRC, a new State Park could be birthed for Oregon Outdoor School. Can you hear the Fun and Delight of Outdoor School Children and Family Adventures too. Science in Action for Education and Research in the Alsea River Basin that brings Community Economics to replace the long gone timber jobs.

Please consider OHRC Board including the Stakeholders of one Watershed Council position and two At Large positions for Transparency, Healthy of Oregon Waterways and Native Fish.

Thank you,  
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