



# COASTAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**May 11, 2017**

**To:** The Honorable Fred Girod, Co-Chair and  
The Honorable Paul Holvey, Co-Chair  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means SubCommittee on Capital Construction

**From:** Jack Smith, Coastal Conservation Association  
Chair, Hatchery Subcommittee

**Re:** In SUPPORT of Senate Bill 5505 authorized bonding for ODFW deferred maintenance.

The Coastal Conservation Association supports SB 5505 to invest in necessary deferred maintenance projects, including hatcheries operated by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (ODFW). SB 5505 specifically asks for \$10 million general obligation bond on page 3, line 6.

CCA Oregon supports the important role hatcheries have to play in providing harvest opportunities while conserving, sustaining, and rebuilding salmon and steelhead stocks. We also support efforts to improve the efficacy of hatchery programs to ensure that, consistent with native fish conservation, opportunities for fisheries are not unnecessarily constrained.

Hatcheries play a key role in the conservation, recovery, and rebuilding of natural populations of salmon and steelhead while providing opportunities for sustainable harvest. Hundreds of hatchery programs operate throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest supplying a large percentage of the harvestable fish in the region.

Unfortunately, the Secretary of State recognized in its recent performance audit that in 2005, ODFW reported an estimated \$94 million backlog of maintenance needs, including hatcheries. Continuing to defer maintenance makes projects more expensive in the long run.

CCA respectfully asks the committee to support SB 5505. Thank you for your consideration.