

To: Chair Helm and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

RE: Testimony on HB 4016

I am a commercial salmon fisherman based in Astoria. I also regularly fish out of Coos Bay (Charleston), Newport, and Garibaldi and spend money in those communities. Our fishery has been devastated because of low Chinook returns to the Klamath basin due primarily to low flow and warm water from both drought and irrigation. When Klamath runs are low, we are kept off the ocean even when Sacramento, Columbia and other runs are strong. We need more water for Klamath Chinook, not less or the same amount, especially in drought years! I ask that you oppose this bill, to give our industry and the fishery a chance to thrive and contribute to the communities we live and work in.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Sent from my iPhone