House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

RE: HB 4015 February 13, 2018

## **Committee Members:**

Kudos to the Oregon Legislature for taking steps to fund fish and wildlife conservation! One of the first rules of systems is to save the parts, and this is an important step in that direction. I appreciate the actions proposed in HB 4015, and urge you to pass this bill out of committee.

Whether fish and wildlife are important to one for themselves, for their roles as part of the natural world we all depend on, or for the vital and growing economic role they play in communities across Oregon, it's critical and timely to fund fish and wildlife conservation. Particularly in the face of climate change, and the added stress its impacts are creating for Oregon's fish and wildlife, this bill is an important step.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

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