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House Bill 2066

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The Department appreciates the opportunity to discuss House Bill 2066 with you today. House Bill 2066 makes changes to the one-day angling license and one-day angling and shellfish fee schedule.

House Bill 2066 reduces the one-day angling and shellfish license fee, effectively providing shellfish privilege at no extra cost. While only having a minimal fiscal impact to the agency, this change will allow individuals to participate in recreational fisheries and shellfish harvest that was previously cost prohibitive for some anglers.

House Bill 2066 restructures the partial dedication of the one-day angling and shellfish fees to both the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund and for fish restoration and enhancement programs. Without these changes, the proposed license restructure would reduce revenue to important dedicated fund programs.

House Bill 2066 allows the state Fish and Wildlife commission to set fees for licenses and tags that are less than or equal to the amounts listed in the statutory fee schedule. The ability to discount license and tag fees would allow the Department to explore alternative marketing opportunities.

The primary reason for these changes is to maximize participation, recruitment, reactivation and retention of hunters and anglers. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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