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To: The Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

Re: Comments on HB 2020 Oregon Climate Action Program

My name is Laura Anderson. I own and operate Local Ocean Seafoods, a sustainable seafood restaurant and fish market in Newport, Oregon. After 13 years, I never tire of people telling me how much they love eating Oregon seafood; whether I am in my restaurant, travelling around the state, or even globally- people are constantly telling me how blown away they were by eating a seafood meal in my restaurant. As you may have experienced yourself (and perhaps even at Local Ocean), a great meal can make a memorable, positive impression on people—an impression that extends well beyond my restaurant walls. It is a positive and lasting memory about our state of Oregon.

In an effort to preserve my successful seafood business and thousands of other seafood businesses in Oregon, I have three points to make:

- People love eating Oregon seafood and that requires sustainable local fisheries and fishing fleets.
- Sustainable fisheries are dependent on responsible management and favorable ocean conditions.
- HB 2020 is the most effective measure the State of Oregon can take to minimize climate change and ensuing unfavorable ocean conditions: such as increasing ocean acidification, occurrences of harmful algal blooms (HABs), and dead zones.

Passing HB 2020 brings carbon into the marketplace. I agree with climate experts that this is the most promising and effective measure to both reduce carbon emissions in Oregon and turn back the negative trends of climate change. And further it can provide an initial, stable revenue source for funding nearshore ocean research and monitoring in Oregon.

Investment in Oregon's knowledge-based nearshore economy can help ensure success of future adaptive and mitigating measures that Oregon decision makers will need to take to abate the coming effects of climate change on our coast. We don't know exactly what those measures are yet, but passage of legislative bill SB 260 will fund ocean acidification and hypoxia research to proactively prepare us for this future. I urge you to support SB 260 as well.

For the 200,000 grateful seafood customers that frequent Local Ocean Seafoods each year, the 60 employees that depend on their patronage and the 50+ Oregon commercial fishing boats that supply Local Ocean's sustainable seafood, I ask you to support HB 2020 and SB 260, as well as carve out a portion of the investment fund as a long-term, sustainable source of revenue for Oregon's nearshore economy.

Thank you

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