

March 19, 2019

Representative Brad Witt, Chair
Committee on Natural Resources

RE: HB 3016 - Appropriates moneys to State Department of Fish and Wildlife for activities related to summer steelhead hatchery production for Santiam River.

Chair Witt, and Committee Members, my name is Ken Chambers of Dallas, Oregon. I am testifying in support of HB 3016.

I've fished the Santiam River for over 20 years, or I used to. The Santiam was once a very good river for Steelhead fishing, and an occasional Salmon. That is no longer the case, and it is a sad state of affairs.

I purchase an angling license with the expectation that there will be fish to catch. I and a number of my friends rarely fish the Santiam system like we used to. This has definite economic impact without the purchase of bait, tackle, food, fuel and fewer angling licenses.

I do not to keep a Steelhead to have an enjoyable day on the river, but I need to know there on some fish in the river, perhaps in my DNA. My entire life I felt an attraction to water, and to the fish that live there. I want that soul refreshing feeling back.

Thank you,


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