

Watts Remy

From: Jerry Berndt <papaberndt@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2019 1:14 PM
To: Watts Remy
Subject: Email in support of SB 1025

Dear Remy:

My name is Gerald Berndt and I am in support of SB 1025. I have been a resident of Oregon since 1970 and a resident(part time 2013-full time 2011)of Tillamook County.

Over these years the diminishing natural resources of our shellfish is profoundly sad. With all of the publicity and concern not much has changed the continued over harvest by commercial clammers. In most cases the clams are not even used for human consumption.

Currently in Tillamook Bay we are seeing our shellfish(cockles)colonies slowly being wiped out with little attention from ODFW. Over many years the diving harvest has had little effect on the populations as they focus on areas primarily underwater even at lowest of tides.

Recently, harvesters from the state of Washington are attacking the sand spit areas with aggressive methods of harvesting cockles with seemingly little attention from ODFW observation.

Over the years the Bay and the shellfish harvest has been great entertainment, education and a source for Grammie's delicious clam fritters for our Grandkids!

I recognize the difficult job ODFW has in monitoring Oregon's overall fish populations with the financial cuts and some of our population's lack of attention to "rules". But, we cannot let ourselves to just give up!

My Children and their Children should all be able to enjoy Oregon's Natural Resources.

Sincerely
Gerald Berndt