



Via Electronic Delivery

March 15, 2021

Representative David Brock Smith
District 1
900 Court St. NE, H-379
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 3150 - Support

Dear Representative Smith,

On behalf of the Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association (NCGASA), we would like to express our support for your bill, HB 3150, which relates to incubation boxes for salmonids, and declaring an emergency thereof to make the bill effective by July 1, 2021 and appropriating state dollars to implement the program.


NCGASA is an association of over 600 licensed guides and over 4,000 sportsmen and women that work together to protect and increase hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and Southern Oregon. NCGASA acts as a voice to represent all people who use our waterways and lands. We work closely with many other conservation organizations to make sure we leave a legacy to our children and grandchildren; the same access to outdoor recreation and appreciation for abundant wildlife and fisheries that was instilled in so many of us. More specifically for this letter, we represent the sportsmen's voice of the recreational angler, and the guiding community the relies on California's and Southern Oregon's recreational fisheries to support and feed our families.

Our guides are on our rivers system on a daily basis. It is our office, our client's recreational space, and the method by which we support our business and help others put food on their tables. Our guides in the Northern California area work on both sides of the California / Oregon border, and salmon that migrate in and out of Southern Oregon rivers are sought after by recreational anglers from both states and others who travel to the area for these very purposes.

Our salmon populations are cratering. The PFMC is considering a significant curtailment of the commercial and ocean sport recreational harvest this year as the runs of salmon on the west coast of the United States continue to collapse. Endangered species, such as the Southern Resident Killer Whale, whose primary food source is salmon, are collapsing as well as their preferred source of food declines and becomes hard to find.

Water management, rising temperatures, dams, and countless other stressors are leading to possibly irreversible declines and possible extirpation of these majestic species. We must take every effort we can to resolve the challenges they face. NCGASA appreciates your attempt to address these issues, in part, through this legislation. For these reasons we are pleased to support HB 3150 and look forward to working with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Stone".

James Stone
President
Northern California Guides and Sportsmen's Association

Cc: Brian Clem, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
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