

I fully support this bill as it will make a meaningful impact to one of the largest financial hurdles for the Oregon Tuna Classic. The OTC has always struggled to find funds to cover the cost of canning the fish that are donated by the registered and fee paying participants. Donating of fresh fish directly to local food pantries is often not feasible due to safe storage, handling, filleting, and packaging, along with the labor to do so properly. Cost of canning tuna creates a large financial constraint as well as logistical challenge for the volunteers. In discussions with the Oregon Food Bank directors, they have previously advised that while all donations of canned tuna are highly prized, actual financial contributions can be utilized to reach a greater amount of Oregonian. The cost to the OTC to can a single 8oz can of tuna is \$2.50. Donating \$2.50 to the Oregon Food returns the approximate equivalent of 15 lbs, of food.

With the ability to sell the tuna, the Oregon Tuna Classic will be able to eliminate expense of canning and at the same time, increase the revenue generated that can be used to provide donations. This is a win/win.