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On Behalf Of:

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At Steward our mission is to promote regenerative agriculture by offering support to ranches, fisheries, and farms as well as the organizations that join us in this effort. We are honored to have the partnership and support of Oregon Coast Visitors Association and its Keeping Local Seafood Local campaign as we develop the Astoria Food Hub, a project aimed at providing the infrastructure and services needed to create a resilient and equitable regional food system along the Oregon Coast.

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association needs investment from HB2909 to continue its work helping to capitalize on tourism for local seafood sales and meeting the growing demand for sustainable food products and resilient food systems throughout the region. Through this effort the Oregon Coast Visitors Association will strengthen communities and support sustainable fisheries.

The efforts of the Oregon Coast Visitors Association and projects they support like the Astoria Food Hub will continue to expand the regional distribution network of smaller seafood and aquaculture producers on the Oregon Coast and will support family fishers, processors and distributors to ensure that enough seafood lands in Oregon and stays in Oregon to supply retail outlets, schools, hospitals, and of course Oregon Coast restaurants.