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To whom it may concern-

For thousands of years humans have hunted and fished. From the highest mountains to the coastlines on every continent humanity has survived by hunting and fishing. Long before farming and big cities the act of hunting and fishing sustained the individual and the family.

Hunting and fishing is not only an act of survival but a spiritual journey. Passed down from parents to children it provides training and skills so that the next generations are self sufficient. It teaches the individual that they are part of a system bigger than themselves. The circle of life on our planet.

My church are the rivers that flow through Oregon. My cathedral are the mountains that create them.

There would be no greater act of love than to protect hunting and fishing in the great state of Oregon for all time. So that the generations that are not born yet will be given the chance to take this journey. So much of what makes us humans is being taken away from us our world is becoming a place with no freedom of choice. Passing legislation that would guarantee Oregonians have the right to hunt and fish gives everyone the right to survive. Being wild is what makes us Oregonians like my father and my father's father I'm a native Oregonian born wild and free. This should be the choice for all Oregonians from now till the end of time .