

House Joint Resolution 5

“Right to Fish, Hunt, Harvest and Gather”

Oregon residents have long had a strong interest in sourcing our own foods, including wild and foraged foods. Our ability to enjoy and thrive from the abundance of our state’s natural foods is an integral part of Oregonians’ self-reliant heritage.

Over the last three years, the nation has weathered food shortages driven by both the pandemic and natural disasters. Currently, we have only to look at the rising price of eggs to underscore the tenuousness of the national food network.

In addition to the national pressures effecting food security, here in Oregon we have an initiative seeking to prohibit Oregonians’ ability to provide for their family in the manner they choose, attempting to strip away the self-sufficiency Oregonians have to source their food in a natural and healthy manner.

HJR 5 affords Oregonians the constitutionally protected right to feed their families through fishing, hunting, harvesting and gathering of wild and foraged foods.

What HJR 5 Does:

- Ensures that current and future generations of Oregonians have the ability to fish, hunt, harvest, and gather to sustain themselves and their families.
- Protects Oregonians from an outright ban on the ability to fish, hunt, harvest and gather.
- Protects Oregonians’ ability to self-sufficiently provide for their families.
- Allows for the reasonable regulation of these activities through the Legislative Assembly, citizens of the State, and state agencies.

What HJR 5 Does Not Do:

- HJR 5 does not alter the wildlife conservation and management goals and priorities of the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. The 23 states that have passed similar protections show no change in the conservation priorities of their state fish & wildlife agencies.
- HJR 5 does not endanger private, or public, property rights; the resolution cannot be used to trespass.
- HJR 5 does not promote nor condone poaching or illegal harvest of plants or animals.

Oregon’s sportsmen and women support HJR 5 and the constitutional protection for their ability to help feed their families by fishing, hunting, harvesting and gathering wild and foraged foods.