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I totally support this bill as hunting, fish, and gathering has been a huge percentage of the food I eat since I began hunting and fishing in Oregon about 30 years ago. It has also become a way of life that I teach both young and old to enjoy. The harvesting of fish and animals in a humane, fair-chase method has always been my focus, and one reason that I belong to Traditional Archers of Oregon.

I also believe that hunting, fishing and gathering connects us to a natural lifestyle that was ordained by the Creator Himself. For the Creator says, He owns "Every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds on the mountains, and the wild beast of the field are mine." Psalms 50:10,11. He also tells us, "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you, I have given you all things, even as the green herbs." (Genesis 9:3) We were created to care for the earth, and God has promised to bless us with the abundance he has provided if we do.

I have been happy to support Oregon Fish and wildlife over these may years by paying for Licenses, tags, and taxes. I also support them by volunteering hours, at the White River Wildlife refuge.

Please help us to pass this legislation to declare hunt fish and gather wild foods our constitutional right. Thank you.