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On Behalf Of: Public Volunteers to Support Oregon Fisheries

Measure: SB 65

SB 0065 Senate Committee On Natural Resources

As a long-time public volunteer working with ODFW to support and enhance Oregon Fisheries, I oppose SB 65. As we are all aware, our fisheries management approach is made up of a very complex blend of science, climate, human impacts and habitat changes and many others. As an avid fisherman and volunteer angling instructor, our current process managed by ODFW is a success story.

The current proven process has delivered consistent, high-quality angling opportunities for kids and adults alike. The current approach has been fine-tuned over the years to provide a balance of what's best for our fish and what's best for our anglers. Why on earth would we want to disrupt the current approach?

Many risks are associated with the proposed bill including remote hatchery locations involving long transport times, capacity to meet historic and future demand and regular consistent fish releases in the places that need them most. High-quality, disease-free fish are critical to the future of Oregon anglers. With so many challenges we are facing across our fisheries resources, why would we consciously introduce a new set of risks and variables to an area that is not broken? Please oppose SB 65.

Thank you for listening,

Steve