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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB130

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Dear Senate Committee on Natural Resources: Jeff Golden, Chair; Fred Girod, Vice-Chair,

I write to you in support of SB130.

It has never been more vital to protect the habitat of Oregon's native fish. All salmon, trout and steelhead, now face a major turning point in their ability to survive, as river temperatures increase and surface water flow decreases due to extended drought, and climate change, and dramatically increased development. We must do all we can to assist in the survival of our native fish. Extending the date of tax credit for individual land owners who provide fish screening for these cold water fish is an excellent incentive to build fish protections. These tax credits have been available since 2021 and have been a successful encouragement by means of offering up to \$5,000 for infrastructure which keep fish out of water diversions and in the river where they belong and have a chance to survive.

Remember: These fish are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act. We must do all we can to help their survival.

As a very fish-concerned citizen of Oregon, I hugely support SB130.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Yours sincerely,

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