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On Behalf

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

Measure: HB3159

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Representative Ken Helm, Chair House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water 900 Court St. NE, H-490 Salem, OR 97301

RE: Please support House Bill 3159, Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Committee:

Our home is on the North Coast of Oregon, nestled between the great Pacific and the majestic forests. We settled here with appreciation for the natural world and with the understanding of its attraction for tourist. The balance between human needs and activities and the Oregon "wild" maybe at a tipping point. To thrive as a state, recognition must be giving to maintaining healthy ecosystems throughout Oregon.

Without appropriate funding, to effectively implement ODFW's Oregon Conservation and Nearshore strategies the wildlife and habitats that are so sought after for recreational, hunting and fishing activities will deteriorate and disappear. We ask you to please support HR 3159 Recovering Oregon's Wildlife Fund and keep our Oregon lands and wildlife thriving. Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully, Nancy and Jeff Weil 6085 Columbia Street Falcon Cove, Oregon