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FROM: The Oregon Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

TO: The House Committee on Rules SUBJECT: In Support of HB3086-7

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Kropf and Breese-Iverson and members of the committee,

As Backcountry hunters, anglers, and a proud funders of conservation in Oregon, I am writing to support HB 3086-7. We believe firmly, that wildlife and wild places deserve public process and warrant being insulated from the whims of politics. Our management of these valuable public-trust resources must reflect this.

The -7 amendment to HB3086 builds more regionally-diverse representation into the ODFW Commission. It better serves the management needs of fisheries, wildlife, and habitat in our state by ensuring that no region on the Oregon landscape wields disproportionate influence over another. This approach offers more Oregonians the opportunity to serve on the Commission, maintains a diversity of applicants, and better ensures equity in matters of wildlife management.

We strongly urge your support for HB 3086-7.

Thank you,

Tristan Henry, on behalf of the Oregon Chapter Board of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and it's members.

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is the voice for our public lands, waters and wildlife.