

Submitter: William Paulus
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB512

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee:

My name is William F. Paulus, I live in SE Portland, Senate District 21, and am opposed to SB 512 relating to the Rock Creek Hatchery and restarting the summer steelhead program on the North Umpqua River. The wild steelhead of the North Umpqua are a precious resource of this state. Rebuilding the Rock Creek fish hatchery and restarting the summer steelhead program is not only bad for these iconic wild fish, but it is also a huge waste of public funds. Forcing ODFW to rebuild and operate this hatchery through legislative fiat makes no sense, particularly when ODFW recommends not rebuilding it based on conservation and return on investment concerns. Investment in keeping the North Umpqua a healthy river system through thoughtful stewardship efforts is the best hatchery for fish.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote no on SB 512.

Sincerely,

William F. Paulus