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**Position on Bills at 2025  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 3814: Oppose**



The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

COIN opposes HB 3814, which would prohibit the Environmental Quality Commission and Department of Environmental Quality from requiring seafood processors to meet water quality or purity standards for bacteria in effluent discharges associated with fecal sources. Why seafood processors should be given a license to pollute is a mystery.

The proposed -1 amendment removes the blanket exemption but provides that water quality standards for seafood processors must allow a mixing zone before quality is measured. In other words, instead of measuring the effluent from the plant, the effluent is measured somewhere downstream, after it has been diluted by streamflow or by standing bodies of water. We prefer to have the rules apply to the actual effluent from the plant. Otherwise, the public would not know how much and what kinds of bacteria the plan is actually flushing into the water.

We commend the testimony of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition.

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