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Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice Chair McDonald and Committee members,

The Oregon Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association would like to offer its support for HB 3856 to impose an additional income tax to help fund important programs at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), while providing an income tax credit for those who purchase recreational fishing and hunting licenses.

House Bill 3856 would fund numerous fish and wildlife programs, including providing stable funding to support ODFW operations, critical hatchery capital and deferred maintenance needs, and conservation of species of greatest conservation need.

ODFW's budget has long been carried on the backs of hunters and anglers. That model is not sustainable and it's time to identify other dependable sources of funding for ODFW's programs, including conservation programs and hatchery production to mitigate for the impacts of development across Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 3856.

Respectfully,

Dave Schamp
CCA Oregon Chair