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Honorable Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire,

On behalf of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA), I urge your support of Senate Bill 512-2. NSIA represents the business side of recreational fishing. Our members include boat builders, tackle manufacturers, large box retailers and individual fishing guides. The ability to catch and harvest salmon, steelhead, and trout not only sustains these businesses, but contributes to the overall local economy, especially in rural Oregon.

SB 512-2 directs ODFW to study water temperature and predation on by nonnative fish on hatchery releases from the Rock Creek Hatchery. As a science focused industry, NSIA believes this work is useful for the success of the hatchery and aligns with Governor Kotek's goal of developing a hatchery system that is sustainable and resilient to climate change. Additionally, while NSIA would prefer SB 512 as originally introduced, we think the -2 amendment strikes a balance.

On behalf of the business who serve the waters of the Umpqua River, we ask that you support and pass SB 512-2 to the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

Thank you,

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