

P. O. Box 670
34270 Third Street
Pacific City, OR 97135
(503) 670-9028
email-joe@haystackfishing.com

Haystack Fishing Club, Inc.

February 6, 2026

Attn: Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazen and members of the committee
Subj: SB 1593 Support

Dear Sirs,

My name is Joe Hay, and my wife and I have had the pleasure of running Haystack Fishing for the past 28 years. When we started in 1997, we were the only coast guard licensed dory charter in Pacific City. Over the past years we have seen the industry increase to over 15 legal charters operating now.

The charter industry here in Pacific City contributes multiple millions of dollars to the local economy, with lodging, meals and purchases exceeding the charter income. With our employees and the associated business we bring into the local economy, we are providing support for multiple families. We have a serious concern about the future ability of getting Liability Insurance if Oregon's Recreation Liability issue is not fixed. My wife and I are in support of the Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026 (ORCA) – SB1593.

Liability insurance has been rising steadily over the past few years and without resolution by passage of the bill will have a serious economic impact on us, as well as the community, by loss of jobs and income. We would support the state to conduct an economic study to better quantify the state's large and sustainable outdoor industry.

ORCA is a simple and balanced solution that is already proven to work, and is what every other Western state already does (and Oregon used to). This bill would bring us in line with the states around us and with the federal government. We strongly thank the committee for supporting this bill.

Regards,

Haystack Fishing Club, Inc.


Joe Hay

Wendy Hay

