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House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

RE: HB 2782

The Oregon Salmon Commission and the Oregon Albacore Commission are industry-funded state commodity commissions under the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Both commissions support HB 2782 that will allow commissions to amend rules relating to the number and geographic representation of commissioners.

Over the years, we have tried to ensure that appointed commissioners represent fishermen and buyers from the entire coast, not just one area. This bill will allow us to put this into administrative rule and to adapt this representation as necessary.

Currently both the Salmon and Albacore Commissions have nine members. HB 2782 will allow us the flexibility to change this number to afford better representation.

This bill clarifies the authority of the commissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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