

State Marine Board

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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Honorable Jackie Dingfelder, Chair Honorable Alan Olsen, Vice-Chair

RE: Testimony on Senate Bill 571

Dear Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Members,

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) coordinates the efforts to avert invasive species in Oregon.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program (AISPP) created in 2009 and implemented by the Marine Board complements the mission of the Council by providing education to the boating public and by contracting with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide inspection stations throughout the state in an attempt to deter the introduction of invasive species in Oregon waters.

The Marine Board has served two four-year periods (2005-2012) on the Council but due to term limits is no longer eligible as a voting member. The agency welcomes the opportunity to have a permanent seat on the Council.

Sincerely,

Scott Brewen Director