



**Northwest Sportfishing
Industry Association**
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Sen. Fred Girod, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Holvey, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means SubCommittee on Capital Construction

Honorable Co-Chairs Sen. Girod and Rep. Holvey and members of the
SubCommittee on Capital Construction,

On behalf of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, (NSIA) I am
writing in support of Senate Bill 5505, which is necessary to implement
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) deferred maintenance
projects. NSIA represents hundreds of businesses and thousands of family
wage jobs in the state of Oregon.

We are particularly concerned with the deferred maintenance backlog
associated with state hatcheries. Our industry serves over 600,000 anglers who
spend over 5.5 Billion dollars fishing Oregon's beautiful waters, generating
over 1 Billion in economic benefits to our state! Sportfishing is not only an
economic engine, it is a cultural birthright that provides unparalleled bonding
for family and friends in the outdoors. Sportfishing is also the primary
funding source for the conservation mission of ODFW.

Much of this economic activity is focused on hatchery fish, as most wild trout,
steelhead and salmon are released unharmed by the sport angling community.
According to ODFW, roughly 80% of the fish that anglers catch and keep are
of hatchery origin. It is essential that our state hatchery system is maintained
in a manner that ensures the cultural, economic and environmental benefits
of Sportfishing in Oregon. Delayed maintenance is more costly maintenance.

Thank you, in advance for your support of SB 5505.

In Service,

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Oregon Sport Fishing : A Heritage and an Economic Force for Conservation

Sportfishing Means Business! In Oregon, growing sport fishing opportunity grows jobs, protects an important piece of our culture, connecting families and friends to each other and the natural environment.

Sportfishing & the Oregon Economy

11,043 Jobs

\$382,802,979 Salaries & Wages

638,000 Adult Anglers (resident and non resident)

\$680,636,132 Retail sales

\$1,172,481,577 Multiplier Effect

\$72,381,359 State & Local Tax Revenues

\$91,781,493 Federal Tax Revenues

5,658,437 Total Fishing Days

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Sportfishing in America: An
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Did You Know?

- Recreational fishing ranks higher than bowling or playing basketball, softball or soccer, according to data from the National Sporting Goods Association.
- More Americans fish than play golf (21 million) and tennis (13 million) combined.
- If fishing were a company, the amount spent by anglers to support fishing-related retail sales would rank number 51 on the Fortune 500 list.
- Fishing generated more revenue (\$48 billion) than Lockheed Martin (\$47 billion), Intel (\$44 billion), Chrysler (\$42 billion) or Google (\$38 billion).
- The economic activity generated by sportfishing is greater than the economies, measured in Gross State Product, of 17 states.
- At more than 46 million anglers in 2011, more than twice the number of people fished in 2011 than attended every NFL game combined.

American Sportfishing Association 2011 report



Rank	State	Number of Non-Resident Anglers	Total Non-Resident Expenditures
1.	Florida	1,197,279	\$898,283,876
2.	Michigan	347,029	\$326,337,857
3.	Wisconsin	336,753	\$445,006,874
4.	North Carolina	328,810	\$260,296,738
5.	Alaska	327,418	\$361,768,322
6.	New York	297,070	\$282,573,249
7.	Oregon	264,424	\$241,771,577
8.	Minnesota	259,324	\$364,108,877
9.	New Jersey	256,950	\$106,323,764
10.	Missouri	244,290	\$205,686,074

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