



House Committee on Natural Resources

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Chair Witt and Members of the Committee,

As invested members in the social and economic benefits of our state's fish and wildlife resources, we urge you to support passage of **HB 2829**, the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and **HB 2834-2**, the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan for the betterment of all Oregonians.

The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund is of particular importance to our thousands of members as this fund will provide the necessary match for Congress's Recovering America's Wildlife Act that will bring an additional \$52 million to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife each biennium for implementation of our state's conservation management plans for species of concern.

Our wild salmonids and aquatic species are all too well represented on our state's species of concern list, keystone species that have a disproportional impact on all flora and fauna in the state of Oregon.

Funds derived from the state and federal pot will help turn the corner on extinction for salmon and steelhead, as well as a plethora of other species that are integral in our state's food and ecological web.

Thank you for your work to make Oregon better for all Oregonians, passing HB 2829 and HB 2834-2 will be a step in the right direction for Oregon's fish and wildlife and the communities those natural resources support.

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