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Chair Burdick and Members of the Rules Committee,

I'm writing to give my full support to Mark Labhart, who I believe will be an excellent addition to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.

I had the pleasure of first getting to know Labhart when he was a Tillamook County Commissioner. As a new city commissioner in Warrenton at the time, I was referred to him for guidance regarding floodplain and natural resource questions. His experience in public policy and knowledge of unique coastal issues was extremely helpful to me on several occasions. I truly benefitted from his willingness to share his perspective.

Most recently, Labhart has been instrumental in the Association of Oregon Counties and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board effort to address issues with failing tide gates in Oregon. Labhart has facilitated outreach meetings with multiple stakeholder groups whose missions are not always in alignment. I really appreciated his balanced approach to finding solutions for aging infrastructure and burdensome regulation, all while keeping the framework of Oregon fish passage requirements intact.

Labhart is the experienced, pragmatic and reasoned voice we need on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. I strongly urge his approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Kujala". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Kujala" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Kujala
Clatsop County Commissioner
District 1