

The Oregon Coast Anglers support the implementation of Hatch Boxes as proposed in HB3150. Hatch Boxes have been used successfully in Canada and Norway. The rules of nature apply to salmonids that start their lives in hatch boxes, the same as wild fish. Since they cannot be "clipped" as hatchery fish are, they are wild fish. A hatch box program would have little impact on Oregon's State Budget, as there is much angler support for such a program. Many of the anglers clubs and organizations would participate in a hatch box program. In the case of the Oregon Coast Anglers, we would purchase hatch boxes and cooperate with ODFW in the acquisition of salmon eggs and the installation of hatch boxes in streams. An additional benefit is increased public awareness coupled with an opportunity to get involved. Thanks for your consideration, Steve Godin, Oregon Coast Anglers, President