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RE: Steelheaders Testimony in Support of House Bill 2067

Dear Chair Golden and Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Relief Committee members:

My name is Betsy Emery. I am the Advocacy and Campaign Manager for the Association of Northwest Steelheaders. Our organization was founded in 1960 to enhance and protect fisheries and fish habitats for today and tomorrow, with a vision of abundant, sustainable fisheries and healthy watersheds. We have eight chapters in Oregon and one in Southwest Washington, representing over 800 members and nearly 5,000 supporters.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2067, which would change the one-day angling and shellfish license fee schedules. Combining the one-day angling license with the shellfish license will reduce the financial burden to participate in these activities by 30%, which is especially important given the economic difficulties many Oregonians are experiencing as a result of COVID-19.

The new fee schedule will likely have a short term revenue impact on the Department. However, according to the Legislative Revenue Office's analysis, "this projected impact is small in proportion to overall projected license revenue."

Further, in ODFW's revenue chapter of [their 2021-2023 budget request](#), they posit that license sales have decreased over the past six years as a result of incremental fee increases. A reduced cost, combined angling and shellfish license will likely increase the number of licenses sold over time as people become more familiar with these activities. Further, the bill increases marketing opportunities for angling opportunities and streamlines the process of obtaining a one-day permit, especially for people participating in multiple activities along the Coast. We believe that combined, these efforts will aid the Department's recruitment, retention, and reactivation efforts, establishing new anglers that will purchase additional licenses and make a positive contribution to the Department's license revenue.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Emery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'E' at the end.

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