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**To: The Honorable Brad Witt, Chair
 House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**House Bill 2067
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The Department appreciates the opportunity to discuss House bill 2067 with you today. House bill 2067 makes changes to the one-day angling license and one-day angling and shellfish fee schedule.

House bill 2067 eliminates the one-day angling license, and reduces the one-day angling and shellfish license fee, effectively providing shellfish privilege at no extra cost. While only having a minimal fiscal impact to the agency, this change will allow individuals to participate in marine fisheries and shellfish harvest at a lower cost than our current products allow.

The price for a one-day license allowing both angling and shell fishing would drop from \$32.50 to \$23.00 at current prices, a reduction of about 30%. This will assist coastal Charter and guide operations who market combination fishing and crabbing trips. Many of the customers for these trips are either visitors to the coast or folks that generally do not purchase annual license products. We expect that this change may also aid our recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) efforts by reducing the cost of participation for these combined activities.

House bill 2067 restructures the partial dedication of the one-day angling and shellfish fees to the Oregon Hatchery Research Center Fund. Without these changes, the proposed license restructure would put critical agency needs in danger by removing a necessary and stable revenue source.

House bill 2067 allows the state Fish and Wildlife commission to set fees for licenses and tags that are less than the amounts listed in the fee schedule. The primary reason for these changes is to maximize participation, recruitment, reactivation and retention of hunters and anglers. The ability to discount license and tag fees would allow special cost incentives to market hunting and angling activities with more flexibility.

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