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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4072

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Respected State Representative's David Brock Smith and Boomer Wright,
As the President of the Oregon Anglers Alliance and a Stakeholder on the recently adopted Rogue/South Coast Conservation Plan, I am respectfully urging you to consider including the agreed upon wild winter steelhead fee schedule into HB4072 sponsored by Representative Gomberg

Inclusion of the Rogue/South Coast Conservation Plan fee schedule will be a win-win for all parties because;

1. The vast majority of Stakeholders, anglers, fisheries managers and even the groups that are opposed to harvest and hatchery production, are in favor of this proposal.
2. The fee schedule has already been adopted by Stakeholders, ODFW Staff, and our F&W Commission. If it were to get legislative approval during this session it will go into effect in 2023. If it does not, it will have to be approved during next years session, thereby delaying the program until 2024.
3. This will likely be motivation for additional future harvest opportunities that will be created for other sustainable populations where applicable by implementing the endorsement and harvest card fees for other streams. Other districts will welcome these valuable research fees that are earmarked for steelhead if they can establish additional harvest fisheries.

These steelhead research fees are intended to increase the probability of harvest opportunity for anglers.

Representative Gomberg and fellow legislators have an opportunity to be champions for Oregon by reducing day license fees and at the same time, expediting the already agreed upon benefit of the wild winter steelhead monitoring program, while creating the potential for much needed additional harvest opportunity for anglers.

RSC Steelhead Validation \$2.00 resident/ \$4.00 non-resident

RSC Wild Steelhead Harvest Card \$10 resident/\$20 non-resident

Gratefully,

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