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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Brian Trotter and I own and operate a small scale commercial fishing operation out of my home in Tillamook County. I bought my operation from my mentor in 2018 and it already had a dedicated supply chain so I only had to catch the resource and maintain my assets. As the pandemic, like everyone else, I needed to adapt or fail. Thanks to resources and connections made through people connected with Oregon Coast Visitors Association I met three additional buyers/processors who were looking for the product I had to offer. I found new businesses to sell my product and that of other fishers. We began consolidating the catch allowing some other small boats to also move their catch. We're we able to consolidate transportation costs and provide a larger quantity to the small processing businesses giving them more profit keeping their crews working as well.

I have also been involved with some of the public education videos that OCVA has coordinated showcasing our local seafood production and helping to put faces behind those working in our industry.

I support H.B. 2909 and I believe passing this bill will provide working families in our industry more options and opportunities to harvest Oregon seafood.