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Hunting and fishing has a long history in our state and country. Hunters and fisherman were some of the first conservationist, and most to this day still are.

Our family has been hunting and fishing since the early 1980s. For us, it provides an important form of recreation, and sometimes puts food on the table. I figure we spend about \$1500 to \$2000 a year on outdoor activities, licenses, tags, stamps, boating permits, guide services, and other fees, etc, etc. And if we travel to eastern Oregon you can add another \$600, the cost of towing our trailer. Now maybe we spend a little more than the average sportsman, I don't really know, but as a group I feel sportsman contribute a lot of \$ to the state's economy.

As for a right to engage in these activities, not being a attorney, or an expert on constutional law, at the federal or state level, I am not sure where the "right" comes from. Perhaps it come just from past practices and long standing history there of. I am glad we, the State of Oregon, are working as a bipartisan group, are seeking to codify this "right" into law.

Thank you.
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