



## **Testimony Opposing HB 3100 (Integrated Water Resources Strategy) - As Written**

The Conservation Angler is a wild fish and wild rivers organization that is deeply involved in state agency conservation work. TCA is a member of the Lower John Day River Working Group – one of the place-based planning groups currently working in Oregon

Many of the IWRS recommended actions are agency actions that are not, and should not, be tied to partnerships. The current language implies this is a requirement and would undercut agency autonomy to implement actions specific to agency authority.

For those recommended actions that would benefit from partnerships, that process will happen regardless and statutory direction is not necessary.

TCA supports extending the PBP sunset. However, TCA opposes elevating PBP as an IWRS implementation measure. PBP is just one recommended action of many and it does not replace or supplant statewide measures that should occur whether or not a PBP is in existence in any one place.

Including in statute an implementation framework heavily dependent on PBP workgroups and declarations of cooperation could stall implementation with unnecessary process and undercuts agency autonomy to move forward with actions recommended in the IWRS.

We do not support allowing prioritization and implementation in multi-agency biennial workplans to be influenced by an unnamed and ever-revolving Advisory Committee - undercutting agency autonomy and work on agency specific directives. Moreover, not only will this subrogate agency work, priorities, and budgets to this unnamed Advisory Committee, the agency workplan “must” be informed by listening sessions across the state, further undercutting agency autonomy to fulfill their missions for the public as a whole. And finally, while we support agency coordination, this bill’s influence on a multi-agency workplan runs the risk of interfering with agency decisions, respective priorities, and budgets.

Regarding Section 2, The Advisory Committee concept should be cut in whole. Giving an unnamed body authority over agency direction is problematic on many levels, including undercutting agency autonomy to implement the IWRS for the good of all Oregonians.

The IWRS is a heavily vetted plan, with stakeholders across spectrums contributing to its development so further oversight is not necessary. Funding is also of concern; requiring a constant revenue stream in perpetuity that may be better spent elsewhere. Moreover, switching members ever two years could lead to constant changes in priorities further stalling work. The tasks assigned to these advisory members seem more appropriate for agency staff.

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