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On Behalf
Of:

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Resources

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Our clean and healthy waterways are a vital backbone of Oregon life. Please preserve ODFW's budget and fund the following two Policy Option Packages, to help protect our way of life and our environment. This is important! Thank you. Erika Leaf

Protect ODFW's Water Program from cuts: The Legislature has worked hard over the past decade to staff up ODFW's Water Program to the current level. Please protect against any cuts to this program in the final legislative budget.

Fund ODFW POP 107, Integrated Water Solutions: Policy Option Package 107 would fund 3 ODFW positions to work on Integrated Water Resources Solutions, including Place Based Planning and other regional collaboratives. The water needs of salmon, other fish, and wildlife will be severely compromised without ODFW participation in these regional water forums.

Fund ODFW POP 102, Statewide Stream Temperature Modeling: POP 102 is critical to understanding stream temperatures and how they affect Oregon's iconic species, including federally listed salmon and steelhead.