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On Behalf Of: Whidbey Environmental Action Network

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB3232

While our organization is in Washington, the existing flawed Oregon rule has the effect of also tying Washington state management of Columbia River salmon. By passing HB3232 the opportunity for phasing in a mark-selective fishery will be possible. This type of fishery is virtually the only way that wild spawned fish can be effectively excluded from being caught. This is essential if we are to recover the PNW's once abundant salmon runs.

~Steve Erickson, Whidbey Environmental Action Network