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Water

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As a former commercial fisherman and a fish conservation authority, I see this bill as far-reaching, well thought out, landmark legislation that will solve many (but not all) of the issues surrounding declining and endangered salmon resources. If implemented, we should eventually see improvements in wild salmon recovery while advancing sustainable fishing, and helping rural economies when they need it the most. If passed and proven successful, other states and provinces are likely to follow Oregon's lead, once again.

Thank you, Gene Helfman, PhD, Professor Emeritus, Odum School of Ecology.
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