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On Behalf Of: COQUILLE tribal MEMEBER

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

Measure: HB3086

Chair Helm, Honorable committee members,

My name is James Burns III, I am writing you in favor of the basin concept for selectin the ODFW commission.

This concept would give REAL meaningful diversity to the commission. The congressional model has failed to represent ANY other group then the hyper wealthy self-proclaimed Enviromental community. The congressional model has made the fish and wildlife agency completely ineffective. I fear that in the event of a real calamity ODFW would not be able to take corrective action as they are hindered from commissioners that are more concerned with a political agenda then true wildlife governance.

Under the current model, the congressional concept, our ODFW commissioner representing my homeland is Mary Wahl. She in NO way represents the south coast. I know that she may claim that she resides in Langlois, but to us that actually live here we know that is a lie. This is just one abuse that has happened with this broken model. Last year The ODFW commission decided to remove a very successful fishery on the north Umpqua River, there was ZERO tribal consultation. This is a fishery that my family and I use to supplement or cultural food resources. This happened even though five tribes all wished it not to happen.

Commitee members, please do the right thing. Show ALL Oregonians that you represent us and not the interest of the Hyper wealthy. Choose the model that represents Oregonians across the state instead of Portland. Choose the model that represents Tribes AND communities throughout Oregon. The current model is broken it's time to fix it and return to the most successful wildlife governance model of all time THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE GOVERANCE.

Respectfully,

James Burns III