

March 23rd, 2023

RE: Support for HB 3086

Dear Chair Helm and members of the committee,

I am writing you to ask that you pass HB as written out of committee as introduced. I am a tree fruit grower in the Hood River Valley and have served as a board of director for Diamond Fruit growers and ODFW A & H. I have also been involved as a volunteer with OSP fish and game officers in central Oregon. As such I feel that representation on the commission from the five river basins would better represent the state's fish and wildlife along with the fee paying sportsmen than the current congressional district makeup.

Representation on the commission from people who actually live and work in the river basins may allow for more passionate review and understanding of the issues affecting their districts and bring more confidence and understanding from outdoor enthusiasts in those districts in regards to the management of the state's wildlife resources.

I do not support the -1 amendment but would support the -2 amendment. I also support the nomination of the commissioners by the Governor and confirmation by the Senate as is current practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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