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On Behalf Of: Self

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

Measure: HB3086

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

Re: Opposition to HB 3086: Relating to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission

Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens, and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask that you oppose HB 3086 as introduced into the 2023 Regular Session.

According to my understanding of Oregon State commissions such as State Fish and Wildlife, which must fully represent the public interest, I see this bill as moving the structure of the Fish and Wildlife Commission away from representation proportional to our State population and thus away from serving the public interest.

As you know, a change to the structure of the Fish and Wildlife Commission is necessary because of the addition of another Oregon congressional district.

Rather than change the Commission structure as originally proposed in HB 3086, I urge support of the Commission structure as proposed in Amendment 3, point (4) (submitted to Committee 3/27/23), as follows:

“(4) One member of the commission shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts of this state[.]. Of the members appointed to represent the congressional districts, at least one member must be from [that] the portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains and at least one member must be from [that] the portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains. In addition to the members appointed to represent the congressional districts, one member shall be appointed from the state at large, with consideration for equity in the geographic distribution of the overall membership of the commission.”

Respectfully submitted,
DJ Fletcher