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

Measure: HB3086

Chair Helm, Vice-chairs Hartman and Owens, Members of the Committee,

There are numerous pieces of testimony in opposition to this bill that have advocated for an ODFW Commission structure that is based on proportional representation to ensure that the public interest in wildlife management is represented equally.

Thankfully, the river basin management area model (HB 3086-4) fulfills that mandate as appointments will continue to be nominated by the Governor (who is elected by a simple majority of Oregonians) and confirmed by the Oregon Senate (30 very local representatives who are also elected by a simple majority in their district), as is current statutory practice. The added advantage of an ODFW Commission, represented based on regional representation but nominated and confirmed by 31 elected officials in this state, is that it ensures nominees will understand the unique challenges facing the landscapes, waters, and wildlife in the region they live.

I strongly support HB 3086 with the -4 amendment and urge the committee to support it as well with a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank You.