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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2163

Honorable Committee Members on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water,

On behalf of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA), I am writing in support of HB 2163, updating wildlife laws to classify a person with a documented intellectual or developmental disability as a person with a disability for purposes of wildlife laws that pertain to angling and harvesting shellfish.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has indicated that “These administrative updates can be incorporated with existing staff and resources, with minimal impacts to the Department.”

HB 2163 improves equitable access to fish and shellfish harvest in Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to support this important regulatory amendment.

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