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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Larry Phillips and I cover West Coast fisheries policy for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). The ASA and our member businesses and organizations represent every sector of the sportfishing industry, including manufacturers, retailers, resource management agencies, conservation nonprofits and media. In Oregon alone, 600,000 anglers generate approximately \$1.1 billion in economic impact annually. The recreational fishing industry also supports over 8,000 jobs which are critical to the long-term economic viability of Oregon. A fully funded ODFW is critical meeting conservation commitments and to our industry.

Although we have significant concerns regarding long term funding of the agency, we support HB2343.