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Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB512

The science is very clear, hatcheries are horrible for native, wild fish. The reintroduction of a summer steelhead hatchery on the North Umpqua would undo the significant progress that has been made since the prior hatchery stopped operating. Summer steelhead on the North Umpqua are just now starting to rebound, and restarting this fish hatchery would be the final nail in the coffin of this iconic fish. I adamantly oppose SB 512 as do most dedicated anglers who consider the North Umpqua our "homewaters".

Thank you for your consideration and time.