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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB512

I have fished the North Umpqua River for 53 years, and was on citizen committees for the River Management Plan and the Coastal Multi-Species Plan (CMP). I am solidly opposed to SB 512 to rebuild the Rock Creek hatchery and resume the summer steelhead hatchery program.

* This is prohibitively expensive, estimated at over \$50 million dollars with continuing high operation and maintenance expenses.

* There is NO source of clean cold water for this program. In the summer, Rock Creek is now routinely above 80 degrees and the NUR above 70 degrees.

* This iconic summer steelhead run is at risk. The ONLY negative factor under our control is the impact from hatchery fish in the spawning population. ODFW's internal analysis of this issue cited during the CMP development confirms this negative impact.

Please spend the available money in places that provide the greatest benefit and do no harm!