

Submitter: Jay Beckstead
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB512

To: Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jay Beckstead, I currently live in Portland Oregon. I am very opposed to SB512 relating to rebuilding the Rock Creek Hatchery & restarting the planting of hatcher summer steelhead in the N. Umpqua River.

Based on previous studies, ODFW closed the hatchery because of clear evidence of interbreeding of hatchery fish with wild fish. Multiple studies in many rivers have clearly shown this reduces the reproductive fitness of the wild fish. Rebuilding a hatchery at Rock Creek does not make any economic sense. It would be very expensive to build and require an expensive water cooling system as well.

I urge you to oppose this bill!

Sincerely,

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