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

I support SB 512 and urge the Oregon Legislators to pass it. The Rock Creek Hatchery should be rebuilt for the purpose of raising Salmon and Steelhead Trout, caught, raised and released in the Umpqua River. I do not support transporting these fish to other hatcheries to be raised and transported back to the Umpqua River for release. Handling the fish for transportation raises mortality risks in addition to accidents during transportation. The Elk River Hatchery is over 100 miles from the Rock Creek Hatchery location, the Cole River Hatchery is even further. These hatcheries all have differing water environments and issues that differ from those found in the Umpqua River. The possible introduction of pathogens from one river system to another is a concern. The Rock Creek Hatchery has supported salmon and steelhead enhancement for over 100 years, now is not the time to abandon the hatchery because of ODFW budgetary issues. Thank you for your consideration, Steve Godin, Oregon Coast Anglers, President