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Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB222

The Oregon Wildlife Coalition (OWC) - a coalition of nine wildlife conservation groups working proactively and collaboratively to advocate for policies that are science based and humane, and reflect the state's conservation values - opposes SB 222 as drafted. OWC would be neutral on the bill with the proposed -1 amendments.

OWC opposes the base bill as focusing unduly on an undefined list of "species that prey on salmon" as a primary hindrance to salmon enhancement and hatchery programs. Efforts should focus instead on greater hindrances, including habitat destruction. Wildlife species should generally be allowed to exhibit natural predatory behaviors without being targeted for lethal control as SB 222 suggests.

Thank you for considering our comments.