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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Oregon Dept, of Fish and Wildlife Budget request. While most do not like the fees for anything to rise, in this case I am fully in support of the fee increase. It has been some time since we have had an increase and the cost of almost everything has gone up in that time. It is critical that we maintain the core ODFW programs, (Hatcheries, Fishing Access both freshwater and marine, Habitat Improvement. Wildlife Management Areas, as well as sustainable Commercial Fisheries}. For me, maintaining and upgrading our hatcheries are one of the most important program areas. Wild fish are important, but they can no longer support sport and commercial fisheries at a reasonable level. In order to having fishing in the future we are going to need fish to catch. Please support the Agencies budget and fee request.