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On Behalf Of:

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As the Lower Willamette representative on the Salmon and Trout Advisory Committee (STAC), I support Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) and its invaluable work to protect fish & wildlife and enhance their habitats. In an ever changing landscape, ODFW's mission remains more critical than ever. House Bill 2342 is needed to maintain core services, for maintenance and monitoring, and to improve fishing opportunity and resiliency. As someone who engages in the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP), to not increase funding revenue could have a trickle down affect on school and community programs such as Fish Eggs to Fry - essential to creating the next generation of fish and wildlife stewards. Increasing license and endorsement fees is vital for the Department's future and sustainability.