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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2342

Dear Oregon Legislature and Governor:

I am an avid sports angler and hunter and want to express my support for HB 2342 - ODFW Fee increase. I am currently serving as a member of the ODFW Restoration and Enhancement Board and past member of the Salmon Trout Advisory Committee (STAC). All Oregonians love Fish! We need to support our fish and fishing! I am an ODFW certified angler instructor and volunteer over 200 hours of my time each year to educating the public and students of all ages on Fish and Fishing. I have served as President of the Association of Northwest Steelheaders for over 6 years and served in leadership roles for over 30 years in the oldest fishing conservation group in the State. This support is for my personal viewpoint and not as a their representative. As a grandfather of six children, I want them to have the opportunity of catching and keeping a fish. Here are the key points for my support - 1. This bill is critical to maintain core services and to enhance fishery opportunity for the future . 2. The \$20M in hatchery bonds to invest in a more resilient system and to shore up long term funding for hatchery deferred maintenance. I support the keeping the youth licenses at \$10. The increase license fee funds need to be for boots on the ground (hatchery staff, wildlife areas, biologists, data collection, OSP and others) so that all Oregonians have the opportunity to enjoy all the wonderful outdoor activities Please know that I hope this bill will be passed and moved forward.

Sincerely - Tom VanderPlaat