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On Behalf Of:

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HB 2965 is not based on science, and I strongly oppose this unnecessary legislation. Multiple peer-reviewed studies, including a NOAA-led Pacific Northwest study, have demonstrated that well-regulated aquaculture can be done safely with minimal environmental impact. Other progressive seafood-producing nations, including Iceland and New Zealand, have embraced aquaculture as a sustainable solution. Even Alaska's governor has recently voiced support for aquaculture as a way to strengthen the seafood industry. Oregon should be making decisions based on science, not misinformation or activist pressure. I urge you to oppose HB 2965 and instead focus on responsible, science-driven policy.