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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

I strongly oppose HB 2965 because responsible aquaculture supports the sustainability of wild fisheries. The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund, and NOAA all recognize that aquaculture is essential to reducing pressure on wild fish stocks while providing a stable, climate-friendly source of seafood. Without local aquaculture, we will continue to rely on imported seafood from countries with weaker environmental standards, increasing carbon emissions and putting more pressure on wild fish stocks globally. Oregon should be a leader in sustainable seafood, not a state that bans responsible innovation. Please vote NO on HB 2965.