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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

Please protect the health and safety of our Oregon waters by supporting HB 2965-5.

Net pen aquaculture of finfish causes both environmental and socioeconomic harms, and we do not want an influx of these operations coming to Oregon now that these practices are banned or restricted on the rest of the West Coast.

These practices allow fish feed, feces, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals to be discharged into these waters. Further, massive fish escapes have occurred repeatedly, and these invasive farmed fish wreak havoc on ecosystems, including through the spreading of diseases to our wild fish.

This bill encourages smart aquaculture in our state and supporting it is the right thing to do.

Please consider your sacred duty to be good stewards of this land we inhabit and act accordingly.

Thank you.