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As an Oregonian, I sincerely urge you to SUPPORT HB 2965-5

We've made a commitment to indigenous peoples that their cultural and fishing rights EXIST, and this type of harvest does NOT co-exist with net pen, commercial rights. It also disrupts the natural cycle of salmon moving toward their stream entry points for continued native fish return, migrations up Oregon's streams for survival, and recreational fisheries. Citizens here want to continue to see the strong safety regulations we've been building stay in place, to protect the inherent return of this precious resource to native spawning grounds. We've already committed to this course of action; to allow net pen degradation of the areas where salmon congregate toward rivers is in total opposition to sustaining this natural resource. It also negates the states citizens on-going efforts to preserve salmon and develop other cleaner, preferred methods of aqua-culture fishing rights.

We must protect Oregons' (the world's) coastal waters from the harms of industrial aqua-culture.

History and science are on our side. We need to take action now to prevent fish escapes and harmful pollution that results from net pens and cages.