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On behalf of Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN) supporters in Oregon, we urge you to support HB 2965 to safeguard Oregon's coastal waters from the damaging effects of industrial aquaculture. It is crucial to protect our marine ecosystems from the well-documented environmental and socioeconomic harms caused by net pen aquaculture of finfish. Scientific research has shown that these operations contribute to water pollution, habitat degradation, the spread of disease to wild fish populations, and negative economic impacts on local fisheries and coastal communities.

With net pen aquaculture now banned or heavily restricted in other parts of the West Coast, Oregon must take proactive measures to prevent an influx of these harmful operations. By supporting this bill, you are helping to uphold the health of our coastal waters, sustain local fishing industries, and protect the diverse marine life that depends on a thriving ecosystem.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to preserving Oregon's environment for future generations.