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On Behalf Of:

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Resources, and Water

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I am asking you to please support HB 2965-5. I am an Oregonian and it is crucial that Oregon's coastal waters and marine life are protected from harmful industrial aquaculture. It is my understanding it has been scientifically proven that net pen aquaculture of finfish is harmful to the environment, ecosystems, and biodiversity, such as whales, native fish, and other marine animals. This seems evident by it being banned or severely restricted on the West Coast. This has no place in Oregon. Please ban commercial marine net fish pens. Oregon marine animals and our beautiful coast deserve better from all of us. The time to protect, value, and cherish what we have is now.