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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, Environmental Defense 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.

If you have gone fishing lately, it is likely you have reaped the benefits of Oregon Aquaculture. If you have eaten fish lately, you have likely reaped the benefited from aquaculture. Like it or not, our population and climate demand we figure out how to raise protein efficiently and the hunter gatherer approach to fish isn't feasible to supply our seafood needs.

Science has demonstrated aquaculture can be done safely. It can produce the healthy protein more efficiently than most animal production systems.

Please vote NO on HB 2965.