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On Behalf Of: West Coast Seafood Processors Association
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
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Seafood processors are NOT seeking an exemption from bacteria limits as the language in this bill suggests. The seafood processing industry has worked closely with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to develop an amendment to this bill that will allow DEQ to provide a mixing zone for seafood processor bacteria limits. This is because wastewater from seafood processing does not contain the bacteria harmful to human health - fish and shellfish are cold-blooded and do not produce these bacteria, so a mixing zone is appropriate and warranted, while still being protective of the environment and human health.

We will speak directly to the amendment during Thursday's hearing.