

Submitter: David Loomis
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or SB512
Topic:

Dear Senator Golden.

As a life-long resident of Douglas County with over 50 years of fisheries-related work and volunteering, and personal family participation in the Umpqua basin rivers and streams for over 100 years, I strongly support SB 512. I am encouraged by the recent proposal by ODFW that the rebuilding of Rock Creek hatchery in combination with a new site on the South Umpqua in partnership with the Cow Creek Tribe, the Umpqua Fishery Enhancement Derby, Douglas County, other local organizations, and the over 3,000 Oregonians that signed the petition to support Rock Creek hatchery's future. This bill includes monitoring and research that will include not only scientific data that will help lead to improvements to the hatchery management program but will provide important education and outreach opportunities at the site. Public awareness about fish in the Umpqua basin, including wild and hatchery fish, is the best path toward future well-being of our valuable resources by all of us working together to ensure a healthy watershed and fish populations in their, and our, homewaters.

Thank you for considering my comments and ask for your support for SB 512.

Sincerely,
Dave Loomis