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I support the Umpqua Infrastructure Proposal as recently released that has various partners including ODFW, The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, The Umpqua Fisheries Enhancement Derby and others. I support the rebuilding of the Rock Creek hatchery to mainly support raising Spring Chinook and Trout and the construction of new satellite facilities to support raising winter steelhead and Coho salmon in the South Umpqua River watershed.

SB 512 will allow Rock Creek Hatchery to refine its operations while ODFW's reconstruction plan is implemented. Several Hatchery Genetic Management Plans need funding to continue the support of the salmonid fisheries. The local community businesses benefit from these fisheries.

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