

Dear co-chair, vice chair and committee members for Ways and Means.

For the record, my name is Nick Edwards. I'm the secretary of SPMC, Shrimp Producers Marketing Cooperative. Our association represents 20 vessels in Oregon that produce Jordani pink shrimp for the domestic and EU supply chain. Our cold water shrimp goes all over the world. We support SB 5502 funding for the Oregon Department of Agriculture and their programs.

In the last biennium ODA staff, specifically with the market and certification program manager and the trade development manager. These two program managers helped assist in procuring a 4,000 ton ATQ for our Jordani pink shrimp in the EU for the years 2024-2025, this has a net benefit of 60 million dollars. Currently ODA's trade development manager is working with the UK tariff suspension team in procuring an ATQ for our Jordani pink shrimp and other Oregon seafood products in the United Kingdom.

International trade with Oregon's seafood is essential for moving our products in the global supply chain. ODA staff has provided a valued footprint with a booth at Seafood Expo Barcelona, it has been a huge success. ODA's trade development manager has built a team of chef's, Oregon processors, Oregon commodity commissions, USDA, WUSATA and Oregon fisherman all working together in fluid motion to showcase Oregon seafood products. This ODA project has led to incoming trade missions from the UK and the Netherlands that are interested in procurring our Oregon seafood resources.

ODA is a valued partner with Oregon's seafood industry and its commodity commissions. SPMC fully support's SB 5502 to further fund the Oregon Department of Agriculture and their future programs.

Sincerely,
Nick Edwards
Secretary SPMC

