



Chair Golden, Vice Chair Nash and Committee members,

The Oregon Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association would like to offer its support for SB 512-2 which will provide funding for studies to evaluate the negative effects of temperature change and predation by non-native species on coho salmon, winter steelhead and chinook salmon. The studies will help identify alternative strategies to reduce the growing impact of smallmouth bass on juvenile salmonids.

SB 512-2 will also fund studies to evaluate the impacts of rearing practices on spring chinook returning to the Rock Creek hatchery. Ensuring hatchery spring chinook return at a high rate is an important fisheries management consideration.

Oregon CCA supports the Umpqua Infrastructure Proposal outlined by representatives of ODFW and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians at a public meeting held in Roseburg on March 11, 2025. Reconfiguring the Umpqua Basin hatchery operations to produce fish in their home waters, where possible, will help reduce stray rates and improve survivability. The studies funded by SB 512-2 will complement the proposed joint program as well as existing ODFW efforts to monitor spring chinook in the North Umpqua.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for SB 512-2.

Respectfully,

Dave Schamp
CCA Oregon Chair