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I support funding for operations and maintenance of ODFW fish hatcheries. There are a crucial resource to sustain benefits for not just fishermen, but an important sport fishing industry in this state. Tourism, fishing tackle, guide fees and associated travel and tourism revenues mean an investment in fish hatcheries is an investment in local economies state wide. Our hatcheries also play a crucial role is protection and restoration of our precious stocks of salmon and steelhead. Modern management has integrated fish production into wild run restoration, endangered species recovery and of course helps sustain important commercial fisheries coast wide. A dollar spent here is a dollar well invested with any positive economic and social returns.