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On Behalf Of: Northwest Sportsman Magazine  
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Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5505

Hi, my name is Andy Walgamott, I'm the editor of Northwest Sportsman Magazine, which details fishing and hunting opportunities in Oregon and Washington. I live in Oregon City and support the elements of Senate Bill 5505 that would appropriate millions of dollars to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for hatchery infrastructure improvements. The facilities are critical for supporting sportfishing opportunities in the Willamette Valley, South Coast and elsewhere in the state, and more than pay back money spent on them through economic activity fueling small-town and big-city businesses alike. My readers and advertisers depend on a healthy hatchery system to produce the salmon, steelhead and trout that make up the vast bulk of our harvest, and I urge you to allocate funding for the facilities.

Thank you.

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