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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2343

Dear Oregon State Legislature,

As the Pacific Policy Director for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), representing anglers and the sportfishing community, I am pleased to express our support for House Bill 2343, which seeks to strengthen funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). We appreciate the effort to ensure ODFW has the resources needed to sustain Oregon's cherished fish and wildlife resources. However, we have some concerns about the potential impact on anglers and hunters, who already contribute significantly to the agency's budget.

That said, the ASA supports HB 2343 because we believe ODFW must have the resources to continue its essential work without financial barriers. Programs that sustain healthy ecosystems and outdoor opportunities are critical to Oregon's natural heritage. We encourage the legislature to consider ways to ensure HB 2343 distributes funding responsibilities more equitably among all who benefit from ODFW's efforts.

We look forward to collaborating with lawmakers and stakeholders to support this legislation while addressing our concerns. Thank you for your commitment to Oregon's fish and wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Larry Phillips Pacific Policy Director American Sportfishing Association