



May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Capitol Constructions

Re: Letter of Support for SB 5531 – Port of Brookings Request

Dear Co-Chair Girod and Co-Chair Nosse,

Pacific Seafood, on behalf of our Brookings, OR. Location is writing to express our strong support for the Port of Brookings Harbor's request for state assistance to complete a publicly owned wastewater treatment plant. This project is essential to the health and future of the commercial fishing and seafood processing industries in our region.

Seafood processing facilities, including those at the Port of Brookings Harbor, depend on modern, reliable wastewater treatment systems to meet environmental standards and maintain operations.

The Port has already secured 84% of the total project cost and is seeking \$700,000 in additional support to finalize funding. Completing this project will help maintain existing jobs, create new marine and processing employment opportunities, and provide the infrastructure necessary for continued offloading and processing of locally caught seafood.

Commercial fishing is a cornerstone of the Southern Oregon economy. Ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is in place — like wastewater treatment — directly supports local livelihoods, business growth, and the long-term viability of the maritime industry. Continued state support at this critical juncture will help bring this project to the finish line.

Pacific Seafood is proud to support this effort and encourages the committee to prioritize investments that sustain Oregon's working waterfronts and coastal communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy Wentworth".

**Amy Wentworth**

Senior Director of Environment, Health, and Safety

