

June 26, 2025

Re: Support for HB 2977

Dear Elected Oregon State Representatives Chaichi, Gamba, Helm, Marsh, and Senators Gorsek and Pham,

Thank you for your tireless efforts regarding HB 2977 and its goal of protecting Oregon's Fish and Wildlife resources. As a professional biologist, employed by the Columbia Basin Tribes for the past 34 years, it is inspiring to finally see legislation that benefits Oregon's wild creatures that inhabit our waters, lands and air. This legislation will be a legacy for current and future generations, reminding me of the people I work for who have been taught that natural resources must be preserved with the focus of protecting them for the next 7 generations, not just our children. This legislation is so appropriate; having Oregon's visitors, who will come and enjoy Oregon's wild spaces and the creatures that call them home, support the preservation and protection of these resources for Oregon's residents and future visitors.

I will spend the rest of my days working for and protecting these resources and enjoying them with my children and grandchildren. I wholeheartedly endorse and support your efforts and energies to continue with the final push to have this bill signed into law. Thank you for this legacy effort and again I support HB 2977.

Sincerely,

Blaine L. Parker