

Exhibit K

Supplemental Public Correspondence June 10, 2016

Michelle Tate

From: Ron Caputo <roncaputo@charter.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 10:24 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: Becky Personal; Bill Hennig; Christine M Clapp; Craig Brandt; 'Don Jordan'; 'Jerry Barnes'; Rick Samuelson; ron; Skip Rosenbaum; Terry Talbot; Tim Hanson
Subject: Budget Cuts

Commissioners,

Please do not allow ODFW to cut any staff from The STEP program. The STEP Clubs save ODFW thousands of dollars in labor and materials. The STEP clubs are directly teaching the next generation how to catch fish. We need these new fisher-people to help fund ODFW in the future. STEP Clubs run several highly successful hatchery programs. These volunteers need ODFW staff support to continue their award winning programs. Budget cuts need to come from non-productive and obsolete programs. Please help keep STEP the great program that it is on into the future.

My best regards, and thank you for all you do for Oregon fish and Wildlife.

Florence STEP Program,

Ron Caputo
President

Michelle Tate

From: nick krissie <n_krissie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 9:51 PM
To: odfw.commission@state.or.us
Subject: STEP program

Hello,

I am a fifth grade teacher and a fishing enthusiast in Coos Bay. I have recently found out that the ODFW may cut 6 positions from the STEP program. I find this to be very disturbing. As a teacher I can tell countless stories about the educational value of the STEP program. This program combines science, math, economics, and physical education into an authentic learning experience. I have seen this program turn students from having no interest in science to wanting to become a biologist. Cutting these positions would hurt the education of Oregon's children. As a fishing enthusiast it is obvious the impact that these positions have. As a citizen I am also concerned about the economic impact that this cut would have on the community. Sport fishing is a driving force of the economy in many areas of Oregon. These STEP program positions bring much more to Oregon's economy than their salaries take from the tax payers. In short, these six positions are essential to the state of Oregon. This may sound like hyperbole, but in truth, eliminating these positions would harm Oregon's economy, education, and quality of life.

Thank you

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Michelle Tate

From: wildwings7@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 9:49 PM
To: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Cc: REP Krieger; Arnie Roblan
Subject: June 9th and 10th Commission meeting

June 9th 2016 9:29 pm

ODFW Commissioners,

We are not sure where to begin. We are first of all insulted that there was no knowledge of the Commission meeting or the exact nature of your agenda. Why were all the people of Oregon kept in the dark about your Daconian cuts to our Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

While there are a number of alarming issues we wish we could further explore, your intent of cuts, we are most inflamed at your STEP Biologists cuts. First off that is just about half of all the STEP Biologists in the state. Further they are necessary for the existence of our STEP volunteers. Personally we are involved in a STEP Facility that is wholly owned and operated by our STEP volunteers. We know of several other STEP Facilities who are also owned and operated by volunteers. We have millions of hours and monies involved in those facilities. The Salmon that come out of our facilities provide a great economic value to our small coastal communities as do the inland STEP groups communities. The loss of even one STEP Biologist is beyond belief of any consideration.

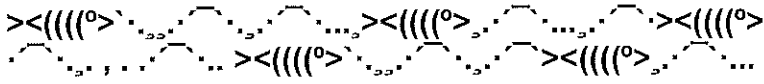
In 1981 the legislature insured our program with an amendment to Oregon's constitution. Seems like someone is forcing the ODFW commission to renig on what was promised to the citizens of Oregon. Our STEP Biologist are part and parcel of our programs. The dollar amount of labor our volunteers provide for free is invaluable to ODFW and the state of Oregon.

The economic benefits of both sport fishing and commercial are invaluable. Our local businesses depend on us for their survival. They in turn pay taxes to the state as do all their employees. If these businesses in our already poor communities fail it would be the nail in the coffin of our coastal communities. We have already lost our Timber industry while politicals play their legislative games. We have lost so much in our communities and we cannot survive on tourists alone.

Tourist come to our county not so much for the beauty, the beaches and sights. Northern Oregon Tourist are closer to the north coast so seldom come here. Now they are coming to fish. This last year alone we saw more people and surprisingly from the more populated cities of Portland and it's surrounds as well as cities down the I-5 corridor and from out of state .

Why are you playing this game? Why were you hiding this from us. At the very least we as STEP volunteers should have been told about these ideas of cuts in order that we could have attended your meetings to comment. We are offended and outraged. This is the way you treat your citizens. Citizens who have given back so much to Oregon. SHAME ON YOU!

Armand & Valerie Pena



" All the windows of my heart I open to the day." (John Greenleaf Whittier)

Michelle Tate

From: Sheila Ward <anglingcat@frontier.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:33 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: Proposed budget cuts

As a member of one of Oregon's coastal communities, I was aghast to see that one of the proposals to reduce the ODFW budget was the elimination of not one or two but six (6) STEP Biologists. These people have been the lifeblood of the salmon enhancement/education program and reductions in those programs would be devastating to many small coastal communities who rely on the tourism dollars brought in by recreational salmon fishing. Finding out about this the day of the Commission meeting means that there will be few who can travel to Salem to give their public comment. I beg you to consider other options, do not throw 35 years of community volunteerism down the toilet. Eliminate central office positions.

And consider the broader ramifications to our communities from cutting these positions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Ward
North Bend

Sent from my iPad

Michelle Tate

From: Steve Godin <stevegodin@rconnects.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2016 8:06 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Cc: Ed Bowles; Greg Huchko
Subject: 2017 - 2019 ODFW 10% Reduction Options

Dear ODFW Commissioners,

It is extremely unrealistic to consider cutting back on the Biologist support for the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (Federal Fund 10% Reduction Options, Rank 8). Droughts, hot weather, low water equates to harsh environmental conditions and reduced fish survival. So, in a time when anglers most need hatchery fish, ODFW would consider reducing support for a primarily volunteer program (STEP). I can't type what is going through my mind at the moment. If you cut the hatchery and STEP programs there will be very nasty results. I predict that fishing license sales will be significantly reduced and the coastal economies will suffer. Who wants to fish where there is little or no opportunity!

Sincerely,
Steve Godin
STEP Volunteer, CMP Stakeholder, and more



**OREGON CHAPTER
OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY**

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Public Comment, June 10, 2016

From: The Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society

To: Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission

The Wildlife Society is an international organization founded in 1937, representing nearly 10,000 professionals, including scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, consultants, conservation officers, students and others who manage, conserve, and study wildlife populations and habitat. In Oregon, the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society (ORTWS) represents nearly 400 such professionals from many areas of public and private enterprise.

Our mission is to promote wise conservation and management of wildlife resources in Oregon by serving and representing natural resource professionals. A central purpose of ORTWS is to aid public discussion of natural resource management in our state by communicating best available science, and supporting scientifically sound management policies to entities engaged in management decisions.

As you may know, the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education (HB2402) is developing a funding proposal(s) to be delivered to the Legislature this September. While this funding solution seeks to address ODFW's existing programs and obligations, it also is intended to fund the Oregon Conservation Strategy in areas including and beyond game and sportfish management.

The Oregon Conservation Strategy was developed by a partnership of numerous agencies, conservation groups and industry stakeholders, and represents a collaborative and proactive strategy for maintaining and restoring Oregon's fish, wildlife and their habitats. Implementation of the Oregon Conservation Strategy includes, but is not limited to the following priorities:

- Monitor and proactively conserve state and federally listed species
- Maintain and restore critical habitats and the wildlife they support
- Assess and manage the impacts of climate change and wildfire risks to Oregon's wildlife populations and habitats
- Assess and manage the impacts of population growth and development on Oregon's wildlife and habitats
- Assess and manage growing outdoor recreation impacts to wildlife and habitats
- Expand recreational resources and programs, including non-sportsmen-related activities to a broader spectrum of Oregon citizens

- Expand conservation education to inform, engage and cultivate a wider spectrum of Oregon's citizens supporting fish and wildlife conservation
- Continue to build and strengthen hunting and fishing opportunities and programs in Oregon

Similar strategies have been identified by numerous state wildlife agencies across the country, as they grapple with solutions to resource management challenges, systemic funding shortfalls, and the growing proportion of citizens who do not hunt or fish.

While the Legislature considers and debates future funding proposals over the next year or more, prospective proposals will not be in effect for this biennium, nor is any legislative solution from these proposals guaranteed. Thus, ORTWS strongly recommends the Commission include, and vigorously endorse the Policy Option Packages #144 (California Condor Conservation and Management) and #145 (Oregon Conservation Strategy Implementation) in the budget request to the Legislature.

These funds will function as interim support for programs critical to implementing Oregon's wildlife conservation and endangered species strategies; the long-term funding of which is unknown. On behalf of ORTWS Members and Board, thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or to engage further discussion.

Regards,

ORTWS Board of Directors

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Michelle Tate

From: ODFW Comments
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 7:49 AM
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Subject: FW: ORTWS comment to the Commission regarding POP 145 &146
Attachments: ORTWS_ODFW_Commission_comment_6_10_final.pdf

From: John Goodell [mailto:jfiskegoodell@gmail.com]
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Subject: ORTWS comment to the Commission regarding POP 145 &146

In regard to the June 10th meeting agenda exhibit K, the proposed 2017-2019 budget: please find the attached comment from the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society to the ODFW Commission. John Goodell will also present this comment verbally to the Commission on June 10th.