

Exhibit B

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Attachments: Trout Unlimited Support for POPs - 20220610.pdf

Dear Chair Wahl, Vice-Chair Zarnowitz, and Members of the Commission,

On behalf of Trout Unlimited, please accept the attached comments for consideration during the June 17th Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, regarding Agenda Exhibit B.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for Certain 2023-2025 POPs (June 17, 2022 Meeting, Agenda Exhibit B)

Dear Chair Wahl, Vice-Chair Zarnowitz, and Members of the Commission,

Trout Unlimited is a member of the EBAC, and we attended both EBAC meetings this spring (i.e., 3/31/22 virtual meeting, and 5/26/22 in-person Salem meeting). The EBAC is a unique opportunity for the public to engage on state agency budget-building, and we greatly appreciate the Department's staff for providing that forum to stakeholders.

Based on our review of the 2023-25 Proposed Policy Option Packages shown in Exhibit B, Attachment 3 ("POPs") and discussions on those POPs with Department staff, TU supports the following POPs in particular:

- 102 Habitat Division Policy and Operations
- 105 Private Forest Accord Data Implementation
- 107 Integrated Water Resource Solutions
- 109 Klamath Salmon Restoration Monitoring
- 110 Statewide Stream Temperature Monitoring
- 112 Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
- 119 Klamath Salmon Restoration Coordinator
- 121 Minam River Wildlife Area Acquisition
- 124 Salmonid Forecasting and Habitat Models
- 125 Rogue-South Coast Steelhead Monitoring

TU strongly supports building out the Habitat Division – and especially its Water Program – so we're pleased to see the relevant POPs ranking highly at spots 102 and 107.

TU also wishes to highlight the importance of the two Klamath Salmon Restoration POPs. We agree with the Department's plan to rely on unassisted, natural recolonization of the upper basin by most salmonid species (as stated in POP 109), but it is critical that ODFW monitor the progress of such reintroductions as provided by these POPs. TU is working hard to prepare the upper basin for reintroduction of anadromous fish following dam-removal, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with ODFW on those efforts.

Thank you for considering these comments, and please let me know if you have any questions.

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