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**Salmon & Trout Enhancement
Program (STEP) Oregon
Administrative Rule Amendments**

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Director Melcher and Honorable Commissioners,

The Oregon Anglers Alliance applauds ODFW Staff for their diligence in updating our STEP/STAC language. To say that the task was quite daunting is an understatement. The proposed language amendments will provide a much needed updated and consolidated document that will give Oregon the tools to better accomplish the goals of our STEP/STAC programs. Some of these goals include;

1. Public education and awareness of our aquatic ecosystems.
2. Habitat reclamation.
3. Restoration and enhancement of native fish populations.

Oregon's STEP/STAC program is an exemplary model that many other states have attempted to emulate. As a bonus, this document will help to strengthen the bond between ODFW and the volunteer public.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Leonard Krug
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