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**Public Correspondence
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To: Fellow Oregonians

From: Salmon & Trout Advisory Committee

Subject: Support for the Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program Rules Update

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Therefore, we respectfully request your support of this important update. Our youth and future generations of Oregonians are depending on it.

Sincerely,

Steve

Steve Janego

Chairman - The Salmon & Trout Advisory Committee

To: Fellow Oregonians From:

From: President Central Oregon fly Fishers

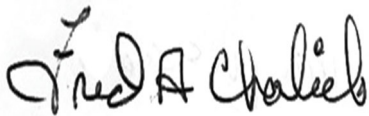
Subject: Support for the Salmon & Trout Enhancement Program

I had the opportunity to attend the STAC meeting in May 2023 and participate in the meeting. STAC members had a lengthy discussion on the need to update the rules for the STAC. I'm writing in support of the update of the rules. As an Angler Education instructor I have participated in the eggs to fry program as other programs in cooperation with the local STEP biologist.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred A Cholick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Fred A. Cholick - President Central Oregon Fly Fishers
fcholick@gmail.com

To: ODF&W

From: GO FISH GROUP - SISTERS

Fly Fishing Club

Subject: S T A C

We are in full support of the STAC administrative rules update. It has not been updated since 1986 and ODF &W has directed for the rules to be up dated.

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Submitted by Gary Kutz - President