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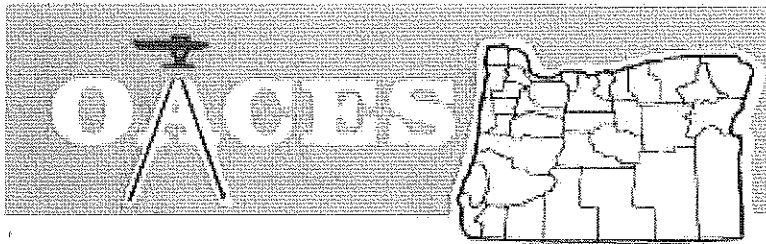
Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

October 10, 2014, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Mace Center, 1 Peninger Rd, Central Point, Oregon

**EXHIBIT F**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON: EXHIBIT F: ODOT Culvert Repair Fish Passage Pilot Programmatic Agreement**

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**OREGON ASSOCIATION OF  
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Date: October 10, 2014

To: The Oregon Department Of Wildlife Commission

From: John Vial, OACES President-Elect

RE: Support for the ODOT Culvert Repair Pilot Project Agreement

Chair Levy and Members of the ODFW Commission,

The Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) support the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Culvert Repair Pilot Project. OACES represents county road officials from all 36 counties in Oregon. County road officials are required to comply with fish passage rules and criteria in the same manner as ODOT. In a time when budgets are tight, counties support programs that assists with lowering the cost of compliance while benefiting the habitat of fish and wildlife.

County road departments maintain approximately 26,000 culverts. Bringing culverts up to fish passage compliance is costly. Many of our culverts that should be replaced are simply maintained just enough to keep roadways safe because the cost of meeting fish passage criteria and the associated permitting process is overwhelming.

The Culvert Repair Pilot Project is a programmatic approach that will result in culverts being repaired, improved, and fish-passable in a more cost-effective and expedited manner. It is our hope that through this project ODOT and ODFW demonstrate a viable approach to maintaining infrastructure while benefiting native migrator fish. OACES encourages the ODFW Commission to approve this project agreement.