



## Association of Northwest Steelheaders

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Dear Davia,

The Association of Northwest Steelheaders (ANWS) is an organization of about 1,500 diverse conservation minded sport anglers throughout Oregon and SW Washington. It has been engaged with Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) in the development of and promoting Oregon's Conservation Strategy for many years. We feel the success of passing HB 2928 also represents the success of our efforts. In addition, as the Oregon Affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) and with its support and guidance ANWS has promoted the Renew America's Wildlife Act (RAWA).

ANWS applauds ODFW's proactive direction toward achieving the objectives of these two pieces of legislation. We see the potential to both restore critical habitat for wildlife and fish and to restore fairness to the expenditures or fishing and hunting fees.

The ANWS notes the draft rules to establish an advisory committee similar in many ways to the very successful Salmon Trout Advisory Committee. We strongly support this approach.

Sincerely,

Chris Hager

Executive Director

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