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**Subject:** Attention Governor Brown and Director Melcher. Welcome to the Oregon Anglers Alliance

Thank you for allowing us to introduce you to the newly formed 501-C-3 Oregon Anglers Alliance. We are a collaborative mix of commercial, and recreational angling organizations, business owners, public agencies, and natural resource advocates.

We are approximately 3000 members strong and growing steadily. Our aim is to be the largest angling organization in Oregon, and to bring a clear unified voice to the ODFW and the legislature concerning fisheries management policy.

Our members contribute well over 50% of ODFW and OHRC funding through license purchases, excise taxes on sporting goods, and ad valorem taxes on commercial catch.

Since the '80's, we have witnessed a steady decline in much of Oregon's fishing opportunity. Also, we are unaware of a plan and advocacy that ODFW has, that will restore prior harvestable fish abundance. We therefore are interested in helping to craft a plan for a more abundant sport, commercial, and Tribal fishery that meets or exceeds the angling opportunity that was present 30 years ago.

Our ultimate goal is to help ensure maximum opportunity for a maximum sustainable harvest, and to pass this privilege on to future generations, as our forefathers have passed this privilege on to us.

Fortunately, the state of Oregon has a fisheries management system including STEP, hatcheries, and the OHRC, that has tremendous potential for accomplishing our goal.

We look forward to supporting ODFW and the legislature in crafting a plan that will create greater fish abundance for increased angling and harvest opportunity through habitat enhancement and responsibly operated hatchery programs.

Leonard Krug  
President, Oregon Anglers Alliance