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Honorable Chair Imeson, and fellow members of the Board,

On behalf of NSIA thank you for the opportunity to share our perspective as you begin to deliberate the Riparian Rules analysis. NSIA is a trade organization of nearly 300 businesses dependant upon rivers lakes and streams that are healthy and full of fish. So, in a sense, our industry is also a forest products industry, and thus we invest organizational resources in the habitat and water quality issues that protect the future of our industry.

Attached you'll find information about the size of our industry in Oregon, NSIA's board(s) and membership. The chair of NSIA's Science and Policy Board, Ron Sando has two degrees in forestry and has been representing us in the Oregon Stream Protection Coalition. Riparian protection is an area where we believe that programmatic regulatory policy change is needed to ensure that voluntary restoration efforts are successful. We have been involved in riparian protection on forest lands since the 1990s when forest practices were identified as contributing to the listing of OR coho salmon. I'll date myself and admit to serving several years on the MOA committee, set up to advise the Board of Forestry on how to address inadequate riparian protections, logging on steep slopes and accumulative effects. This is where we first became aware of the federal resource protection agencies' stream temperature concerns and the IMST report as part of the FPAC deliberations. These recommendations for increased riparian protection were never implemented.

We trust that Oregon can have a healthy timber industry, meet water quality standards, and protect cold water criterion. Indeed, this is your charge, and if we fall short of meeting this standard, there are very real consequences for fishery resources and the over 11,000 jobs they sustain in our state. Critical to this is limiting stream temperatures, and it seems to us that requiring a quantitative 'fish response analysis' adds to delays in accomplishing this important goal.

Science is clear that 100 foot no cut buffers on small and medium fish streams in western Oregon is enforceable and meets 100% of the cold water standards you are working to achieve. Additionally we ask the Board to swiftly address stream warming problems in eastern Oregon and on small non fish streams statewide. These actions will ensure that forest practices are not contributing to rising stream temperatures that jeopardize water quality and aquatic resources. Thank you for keeping in mind the health of our industry as you move forward in addressing these water quality issues. Rod Sando is here if you have any questions today.

Liz Hamilton



Oregon Sport Fishing : A Heritage and an Economic Force for Conservation

Sportfishing Means Business! In Oregon, growing sport fishing opportunity grows jobs, protects an important piece of our culture, connecting families and friends to each other and the natural environment.

Sportfishing & the Oregon Economy

11,043 Jobs

\$382,802,979 Salaries & Wages

638,000 Adult Anglers (resident and non resident)

\$680,636,132 Retail sales

\$1,172,481,577 Multiplier Effect

\$72,381,359 State & Local Tax Revenues

\$91,781,493 Federal Tax Revenues

5,658,437 Total Fishing Days

Citation: Southwick Associates. Sportfishing in America: An Economic Force for Conservation. Produced for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA) under a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Sport Fish Restoration grant (F12AP00137, VA M-26-R) awarded by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), 2012.



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Did You Know?

- Recreational fishing ranks higher than bowling or playing basketball, softball or soccer, according to data from the National Sporting Goods Association.
- More Americans fish than play golf (21 million) and tennis (13 million) combined.
- If fishing were a company, the amount spent by anglers to support fishing-related retail sales would rank number 51 on the Fortune 500 list.
- Fishing generated more revenue (\$48 billion) than Lockheed Martin (\$47 billion), Intel (\$44 billion), Chrysler (\$42 billion) or Google (\$38 billion).
- The economic activity generated by sportfishing is greater than the economies, measured in Gross State Product, of 17 states.
- At more than 46 million anglers in 2011, more than twice the number of people fished in 2011 than attended every NFL game combined.

American Sportfishing Association 2011 report



Rank	State	Number of Non-Resident Anglers	Total Non-Resident Expenditures
1.	Florida	1,197,279	\$898,283,876
2.	Michigan	347,029	\$326,337,857
3.	Wisconsin	336,753	\$445,006,874
4.	North Carolina	328,810	\$260,296,738
5.	Alaska	327,418	\$361,768,322
6.	New York	297,070	\$282,573,249
7.	Oregon	264,424	\$241,771,577
8.	Minnesota	259,324	\$364,108,877
9.	New Jersey	256,950	\$106,323,764
10.	Missouri	244,290	\$205,686,074

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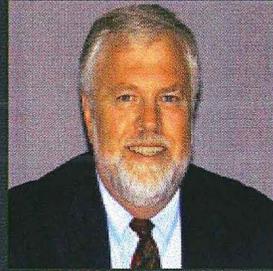
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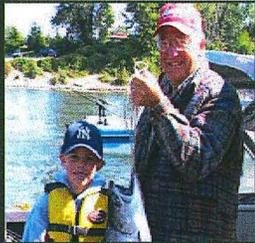


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