



## Shoreline Education for Awareness

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Governor Kate Brown  
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Dear Governor Brown:

Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA) is a non-profit organization located in Bandon whose mission is to protect natural resources including all animals and fish living in/along our shorelines and rivers through education of residents and visitors. SEA would like to take this opportunity to strongly support the Coquille Indian Tribe's plan to save the fall Chinook salmon in the Coquille River. We also are asking for your support in rescuing this important resource before this ancient and indispensable fish species becomes extinct.

The Chinook salmon have flourished for thousands of years in the Coquille River. The numbers of returning fish have decreased to just a few hundred over the past few years. This decline has resulted in closure of fishing for them in the Coquille river this year. Urgent action is desperately needed, or we will lose this once abundant resource forever.

SEA believes the following issues are vital and need to be addressed in order to safeguard the long-term survival of the Chinook in the Coquille River: hatchery production, smolt predation, water quality/temperature, habitat, and adult predation.

Limited resources have hobbled the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife efforts to restore the Coquille River's Chinook population. The Coquille Tribe's experience, motivation and resources are essential for restoring the salmon population in the river. A formal, co-managed effort between the Coquille Tribe and ODFW would greatly aid in addressing the issues negatively impacting the Chinook population.

SEA urges you to support this partnership which offers the best hope in saving this important fish and restore the Coquille River watershed for both the Chinook and mankind.

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CC: Coquille Indian Tribe, c/o: Chair Meade