

Support for the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary Designation Act

Sportsmen, veterans, Native Americans, small business owners, clean water advocates, conservationists, and other Oregonians support the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary Designation Act

"First and foremost, this bill will create a steelhead sanctuary. When a stream's headwaters are damaged and the place is scoured, sometimes you can't get it back. This bill will manage Steamboat Creek for long-term health, under strong federal protections."

- *Frank Moore*

"With the climate changing and development pressures sure to continue on the North Umpqua, we don't know what future generations are going to face. It is critical that we ensure long term protection on the river's most important tributary."

- *Jeanne Moore*

"The Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe is proud to support this legislation that will honor a truly great man. Frank and Jeanie Moore are loved by so many people because of the way they love people, care for our rivers and the land. We owe him and the men who fought alongside him our freedom. We hope this gesture will inspire future generations to see a purpose beyond themselves and provide a reminder of the good that can come from the selfless sacrifice one man can make."

- *Chairman Dan Courtney, Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe*

"The Steamboaters strongly support the Congressional designation of the "Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Special Management Area" in the Steamboat Creek Watershed. Frank Moore, a charter member of the Steamboaters, which was established some 50 years ago, has long been a knowledgeable and committed advocate for the conservation and protection of this rare, invaluable resource that is the North Umpqua River and its' wild steelhead. Steamboat Creek is a critical part of the entire aquatic ecosystem as it provides a critical thermal refuge for over-summering adult summer steelhead, as well as over 50 miles of spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead and other wild anadromous and resident fish.

"Former Oregon Governor Tom McCall wrote a letter to Frank Moore in 1973 after the Governor came for a visit and some fishing. "It is a wonderful world there, still unto itself. God knows it can't stay that way." Frank has worked ceaselessly with government agencies and private industry to ensure that the Steamboat Creek Watershed and the North Umpqua River and the steelhead and other anadromous fish are preserved for future generations. The designation will honor Frank for his decades of dedicated conservation work on its' behalf."

- *Tim Goforth, President of the Steamboaters Board of Directors*

“Steamboat Creek not only encompasses a major steelhead spawning ground; it also includes riparian habitat important to a range of big game species. Hunters and anglers have good reason to support the area’s conservation, and Representative DeFazio’s bill would accomplish this goal. BHA members applaud his introduction of this foresighted legislation, and we urge House lawmakers to prioritize its advancement to the president’s desk.”

- *Jesse Salsberry, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers*

“TRCP supports the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary, because conserving areas like Steamboat Creek will enhance the watershed for native steelhead and preserve opportunities for our kids and grandkids to get out there and fish. What better way is there to honor a man like Frank Moore, who has given his whole life in service? The North Umpqua would be a very different place without him.”

- *Mia Shepherd, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership*

"Pacific Rivers applauds Representative DeFazio for his support of the Frank Moore Wild Steelhead Sanctuary. It is a rare opportunity to be able to honor a national hero while protecting one of the last truly wild rivers in Oregon and this proposal does just that. Frank Moore fought bravely in World War II and upon returning home, he and his wife, Jeanie, continued their lives of service by working to protect the North Umpqua and its tributaries. Safeguarding Steamboat Creek for wild steelhead through this legislation would be the perfect tribute to Frank's service and a lasting gift to future generations."

- *John Kober, Pacific Rivers*

"As salmon and steelhead face more and more challenges in the future, they are going to need strong, bold leadership from Oregon's elected officials. Congressman DeFazio has shown that sort of visionary leadership today and we commend him for that."

- *Sara LaBorde, Wild Salmon Center*