



## **The Honorable Greg Smith**

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# **Representative Greg Smith Partners with ODFW to Select Willow Creek Reservoir for Trophy Trout Pilot Program**

SALEM – [Representative Greg Smith \(R-Heppner\)](#) and the [Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife \(ODFW\)](#) have partnered to develop a Trophy Trout Pilot Program that may have big effects for Southern Morrow County.

In partnership, Rep. Greg Smith and ODFW came together during the 2015 Legislative Session to discuss the formation of a Trophy Trout Pilot Program that would select a handful of reservoirs to stock with trophy size trout. ODFW will then run ads in their Fishing & Hunting magazines throughout the state encouraging Oregonians to travel to the selected reservoirs. The goal is to help create economic development opportunities for regions that rely heavily on hunting and fishing tourism.

“This is a great project that is perfect for the Willow Creek Reservoir,” said Rep. Smith. “I appreciate ODFW’s leadership and willingness to think outside the box in creating and sustaining economic opportunities in rural Oregon.”

“Fishing has been and continues to be a favorite recreational activity for many Oregonians,” said Curt Melcher, Director of ODFW. “The Trophy Trout Pilot Program will allow us to support the industry, support rural economies, and provide something new and exciting to generate enthusiasm.”