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Presented by Larry Peterman  
Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, for the record I am Larry Peterman, Chief of Field Operations for Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here today to support House Bill 698 which will create a warmwater fishery enhancement account. The account will be funded with \$1,000 seed money from FWP and voluntary contributions from persons purchasing a fishing license that want to also contribute to the account. The money in the account could be used to fund virtually any project that would benefit a warmwater fishery or warmwater fish habitat.

We expect approximately \$23,500 will be available from this legislation. The money could be used for any number of projects from creating a warmwater fishing pond to putting warmwater fish cover or spawning structures in lakes.

We anticipate making at least a portion of this funding available to the public in the form of grants similar to our community ponds program.