

## OPB News

### 'Vote With Your Fork' Campaign Heads To D.C.

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PORTLAND, OR 2007-05-07 Dozens of chefs from across the country - including several from the Northwest - will start a push Monday in Washington, D.C. for greater protections on threatened West Coast fish. Rob Manning has more.

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They're calling the campaign "Vote with Your Fork" -- and it's basically an effort to approach fish protection as a food supply issue.

Astoria restaurant owner, Peter Roscoe, is one of the Oregonians headed to D.C. He says the effort to protect salmon, and maintain a more natural food supply, has gathered momentum lately -- with some unlikely partners.

Peter Roscoe: "You might categorize on a political spectrum, the 'chef left' and the restaurant associations are a little more conservative in their politics. They are starting to pick up the reins of sustainability."

Roscoe says recent problems, like the spinach E-coli outbreak and tainted pet food, have buoyed interest in more natural food.

More than 200 chefs and restaurant owners from 32 states have also signed a letter to Congress, calling for protections for Northwest salmon.

They make a point of saying fishermen are not to blame for declining salmon populations. They're calling for habitat improvements.