From: Sen Shields
To: waysandmeans.transportationecdevsub@state.or.us
Subject: FW: Support for Gov. O&C Budget Proposal in Business Development Department Budget
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Hello Tiffany,

Greg Block of the Wild Salmon Center wanted me to forward this email in support of the Governor's O&C Budget Proposal in Business Development Department Budget. Can you please upload this to OLIS so that other committee members can see it?

Thank you!

Best Regards

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Sent: Tuesday, April 09, 2013 9:47 AM
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Subject: Support for Gov. O&C Budget Proposal in Business Development Department Budget

Hon. Sen. Shields:

I write to request your support for the $1.4 million budget request submitted by Governor Kitzhaber to explore ways to increase timber harvest and improve conservation outcomes in one or more O&C watersheds pursuant to recommendations made by representatives from the counties, timber and conservation groups in the Governor's O&C Panel. The proposal is under consideration in the Business Development Department budget being heard before the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development.

Wild Salmon Center is dedicated to identifying and protecting the best remaining wild salmon ecosystems across the Pacific Rim for the benefit of local communities and economies. In the Pacific Northwest, Western Oregon proudly sustains perhaps the best runs of salmon and steelhead south of Canada. As a participant in the Governor's O&C Panel, we sought to find ways to strengthen wild salmon conservation while at the same time optimizing timber production. This objective is complicated by the disparity in aquatic protection standards between federal and private lands, with federal lands enjoying eight times more protection, on average, than private forestlands in the same watershed. Considering this issue, the Panel explored strategies which might provide more flexibility on public land management where protection on high value private

lands in the same watershed could be achieved, resulting in net conservation and timber gains.

The “All Lands” watershed project proposed by the Governor’s Office would identify sites and assess the opportunity for “win-win” scenarios. The financial support to validate this concept will be critical to determining whether this approach is viable and warrants expanding to better meet our economic and ecological objectives on state, federal and private lands.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions about the “All Lands” proposal or our support for this item in the budget. Thank you for considering this important matter.

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