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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, and Members of the Committee,

I oppose HB 3103 because it puts timber harvests above other key values on our state forests. We should NOT require the state forester to set timber harvest targets by rule. We need to give the state forester the ability to consider just as highly fish and wildlife habitat needs, clean water needs, and recreation values.

HB 3103 undermines the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). That plan offers balanced protection on salmon and wildlife. We should wait for HCP's final approval by federal agencies and not use HB 3103 to circumvent what we value about HCP.

HB 3103 also prevents ODF from implementing its climate change and carbon plan. This is certainly a very bad idea. Check your recent memory on what's been happening worldwide from climate change in the last 10 years. We need more emphasis on living trees rather than cut ones.

Sincerely,
Mark Scantlebury