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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 House Bill 3103 and its amendments. This timber industry bill undermines the state forest habitat conservation plan and would result in more clearcuts, more lawsuits, less habitat for salmon and wildlife, and less carbon storage. Further, the Northern Spotted Owl relies on old growth forestry for its habitat. Currently, the Barred Owl is moving into Spotted Owl territory and are slated to be killed by the hundreds of thousands. What's the point in both attempting to save the Spotted Owl AND killing the Barred Owls if there's literally no place for the Spotted Owls to nest? What's the end game here? Just kill things for the sake of killing?

I urge you to oppose this bill. Instead, I encourage this committee to focus on measures that would increase carbon storage in our state forests and safeguard our public resources for our children and future generations.

Please don't let this bill pass out of committee.

Sincerely,

Gena Connelly