

Support for Eelgrass Action Bill (HB 3580)

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Eelgrass Action Bill (HB 3580). This critical piece of legislation is essential for the preservation and restoration of eelgrass habitats along the Oregon coast.

Eelgrass meadows play a vital role in maintaining marine biodiversity, providing habitat for numerous species, and serving as nurseries for fish and shellfish. Additionally, these underwater plants help protect shorelines from erosion, sequester carbon, and improve water quality. The ecological services provided by eelgrass are indispensable to the health of our coastal ecosystems and the overall environmental well-being of Oregon.

By passing HB 3580, you can ensure that these valuable habitats are protected and restored for future generations. It is a step towards a sustainable and thriving marine environment that benefits both wildlife, fishing and local communities.

I urge you to support this bill and take decisive action to safeguard Oregon's precious marine resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jill Marks,

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