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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3580

Dear Co-chair Helm, Co-chair Owens, and members of the committee,

I am writing to ask for your support for HB 3580- the Eelgrass Action Bill. As you are aware, this bill will provide protections to salmon, herring, and shellfish species that are important to our economy. Eelgrass can absorb carbon faster than many territorial habitats, and can improve water quality. The importance of providing habitat for migratory birds and to maintain our economy in our National environment is dire. This modest bill will set up a Taskforce that we need to find out why Eelgrass is declining and how to maintain what we currently have. This Taskforce will be in collaboration with other state agencies, our Tribes, scientists, and our local communities.

I urge you to support HB 3580.

Sincerely

Liz Saufley