Submitter: Janet Kathleen Williams

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 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. Sequestering carbon is so very important right now, to attempt to slow global warming, and any plan to increase logging on state lands is absolutely the wrong plan for today!

Spotted Owls, Marbled Murrelets, our native salmon and all other life affected by the actions that would result from this bill must be protected. Plans to save them would be gutted if this bill passes.

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,

Janet Kathleen Williams lifelong Oregonian