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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3103

We are at more than a pivotal time in the history of our ecological system, which is already on the brink of disaster. If you have children, I urge you to think of the future you are creating for them. And even if you don't, are you really able to sleep at night knowing that you are prioritizing money over Our precious environment, its Wildlife and all of the ways in which this system is interconnected ?

Amongst several reasons this bill MUST be opposed, HB 3103 prioritizes timber harvest over other values on state forests. HB 3103 requires the state forester to set timber harvest targets by rule. This would subordinate all other plans, policies or directives made by the Board of Forestry. These include policies protecting fish and wildlife habitat, clean water and recreation.

HB 3103 also undermines the new State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP provides balanced protection for 17 species of salmon and wildlife that are listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. ODF is currently following the guidelines of the HCP, while awaiting final approval by federal agencies. HB 3103 would prohibit ODF from using the HCP until it is approved by federal agencies, which would allow clearcuts in habitat protected by the HCP. Given the Trump Administration's cuts to federal agencies, final approval could be delayed for years.

I URGE you To illustrate using your power for good in opposing this horrific legislation IMMEDIATELY.

We cannot wait.

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