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The Private Forest Accord, which has been developed through intense negotiations between conservatonist and private timber groups to improve management on private industrial forestlands in a way that protects clean water and the wildlife and aquatic species dependent on it. For this to be successful, the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife needs funding to develop an HCP within two years - deadline is Dec. 31, 2027. HB5009 would provide full funding for this. The PFA is a much-needed and hard-won opportunity to improve management of private timberlands for the better protection of forests and streams. Please make sure the funding is available through HB5009 so this can happen.