

Submitter: Scott Russell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB485

Dear House Committee Chairman and members,

My name is Scott Russell. Our tree farm is located in Columbia and Washington Counties. We own several hundred acres. The most successful and environmentally sustainable farms are those which stay in families multigenerational. This is due to the long rotation of trees. I have been on this land for over 50 years. My sons and grandchildren are planning to maintain it this way, thanks to successful brainwashing on my part. They're committed to continuing the work done by me and them.

This past summer we participated in a stream restoration, sponsored by our watershed council. This was a collaborative project with our land, BLM, and Weyerhaeuser. All three collaborative members donated logs which could have gone to sawmills. As a result, we observed more salmon than we ever saw before. I believe the word was passed on the salmon Facebook page. Please support this bill. Active management ensures wildlife protection, clean water, clean air, jobs for Oregonians.

Thank you for your time.

Scott Russell