

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Concerns Regarding     )  
the Oregon Department of Forestry     )  
Western Habitat Conservation Plan in     )  
Tillamook County, Oregon

RESOLUTION  
#R-22-\_\_\_\_\_

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on July 6, 2022, at the request of Commissioner David Yamamoto. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised of the representations of the records and files herein, finds as follows:

1. In November of 2017 the Board of Forestry (BOF) directed staff in the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) to explore the pursuit of a habitat conservation plan, including creating a business case analysis to determine financial viability for the agency under such plan.
2. In November of 2018 ODF staff released a business case analysis showing that a habitat conservation plan would increase the acres available for harvest by 12% as opposed to without a habitat conservation plan in which the acres would be reduced by 6%. This information was used to move the process forward.
3. In February of 2022 ODF released the Western Oregon State Forests Habitat Conservation Plan Public Draft (HCP) and in March 2022 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the HCP which propose placing thousands of acres into conservation areas unavailable for harvest for 70 years, with the opportunity to add more at the discretion of ODF.
4. In reviewing the HCP and the EIS the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners identified concerns relating potential local socioeconomic impacts of the actions contained in these documents.
5. Approximately 30% of Tillamook County's general fund budget is supported by timber harvest on the ODF State Forest Lands located in Tillamook County. State Forest Lands comprise 83% of the land in Tillamook County, precluding the development of other property tax revenue and employment generating industries on those lands.
6. Costs associated with county-provided public services including education, housing, public safety, and hazard resiliency will only increase during the 70-year permit period. Committing to HCP directed harvest actions in the plan for 70

years will greatly impact our way of life and our ability to adapt to changing conditions.

7. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 27,000 citizens, many of whom are employed in the forest products industry. A reduction in timber harvest and jobs will have a significant impact on jobs and revenue in Tillamook County.
8. The EIS failed to include an informed and comprehensive assessment of the long-term societal impacts of the proposed HCP.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

9. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners oppose the Western Habitat Conservation Plan, which will have drastic direct and indirect impacts on residents and our environment and threaten the long-term health and vitality of our communities.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Aye    Nay    Abstain/Absent

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David Yamamoto, Chair                    \_\_\_    \_\_\_    \_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Erin D. Skaar, Vice-Chair                \_\_\_    \_\_\_    \_\_\_/\_\_\_

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Mary Faith Bell, Commissioner        \_\_\_    \_\_\_    \_\_\_/\_\_\_

ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil  
            County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
      Special Deputy

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William K. Sargent, County Counsel