



From: Representative Holvey

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Support SB 1602—Timber & Environmental Interests MOU

June 2020

After filing a series of competing ballot measures last summer, environmental and timber interests realized that participants on both sides were looking for a better path to resolve recurring issues.

Several weeks of negotiations later, the parties reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and pesticides legislation for the 2020 short session.

That bill is before you again today as SB 1602, and we urge your support. Points of agreement between the parties are as follows.

The forest industry coalition agreements:

- Agreed to pursue/support changes to the aerial pesticide application notification, reporting, and stream buffer statutes (SB 1602). Legislation will include new penalties for interfering with helicopter chemical application.
 - Note that this legislation will apply only to forestry application of pesticides by helicopter.
- Upon passage of agreed-upon legislation (SB 1602), we will engage in a post-session mediated process to pursue changes to Oregon's forest practices laws and regulations that are driven by science, have federal assurances, and are therefore durable.
- Agreed to request that the Board of Forestry extend current rules for salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams to streams in the Siskiyou region. This action was completed at the June 2020 Board of Forestry meeting.
- Agreed to stand-down from pursuing our initiative petitions.

The environmental community agreements:

- Agreed to a complete stand-down from pursuing their initiative petitions.
- Agreed to oppose any new petitions for resource site protection rulemakings (these are typically brought before the Board of Forestry) for aquatic species, during this process.
- Agreed to request that the Board of Forestry table further consideration of last summer's environmental org petition for resource site protection for Coho salmon
- Agreed to support enabling legislation for the MOU and the mediated process outlined above.
- Agreed to support the 2020 pesticide legislative package outlined in the MOU (SB 1602).

Environmental Coalition:

Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Audubon Society
Beyond Toxics,
Cascadia Wildlands
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center
Native Fish Society
Northwest Guides and Anglers
North Coast Communities for Watershed
Protection

Oregon Stream Protection Coalition

Oregon Wild,
Trout Unlimited (Oregon Council)
Wild Salmon Center

Forest Industry Coalition:

Campbell Global
Greenwood Resources
Hampton Lumber
Hancock NR Group

Lane Rock Resources

Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Pope Resources
Port Blakely
Roseburg Forest Products
Seneca Sawmill Co
Starker Forests
Stimson Lumber
Weyerhaeuser

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