

June 24, 2021

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto  
Chair  
Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests & Mining  
516 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Mike Lee  
Ranking Member  
Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests & Mining  
361A Russell Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Cortez Masto and Ranking Member Lee:

We are writing to submit official testimony in support of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (S. 455) as part of the official hearing record for the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests and Mining.

The Wild Olympics Campaign is a local, Olympic Peninsula-led coalition including nine founding-member organizations who have been working since 2008 to protect wild forests, rivers and upper watersheds on the Olympic Peninsula. These watersheds provide local communities with clean water, world class outdoor recreation opportunities, local economic benefits, and sustain our outstanding Peninsula way of life. They are vital to the health of Hood Canal, Puget Sound and Olympic coastal communities which provide critical habitat for wildlife, steelhead and salmon. The campaign works with other local Olympic Peninsula citizens and community leaders to establish new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic river designations for these natural treasures.

Wild Olympics Campaign Members include the following organizations:

- Olympic Park Advocates
- Olympic Forest Coalition
- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society
- North Olympic Group — Sierra Club
- Washington Wild
- The Mountaineers
- The Pew Trusts
- American Rivers
- American Whitewater

### **Wild Olympics Legislation**

The Wild Olympics legislation as introduced by Senator Patty Murray and Representative Derek Kilmer would designate the first Wilderness on Olympic National Forest in more than 30 years and the first ever Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. Specifically, the legislation would protect 126,661 acres of federal land managed by the Olympic National Forest. It would also designate 19 new Wild and Scenic Rivers plus their tributaries on Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park.

The legislation would also protect critical fish and wildlife habitat. The remote headwaters on Olympic National Forest are sensitive spawning grounds for salmon, cutthroat, summer steelhead, bull trout and other species. Elk, bear and other wildlife rely on unfragmented, unroaded forests to thrive.

The Wild Olympics bill would help protect the economic future for the Olympic Peninsula. Our streams and waterways support a vibrant fishing and shellfish industry, attract millions of dollars in tourism annually, support a thriving outdoor industry and provide clean drinking water to our residents. Local business leaders recognize that the stunning scenery and a high "Quality of Life" provides direct economic benefits by attracting entrepreneurs, new residents and investment in our communities. The legislation has been crafted to protect these economic benefits while, at the same time, having no impact on existing timber jobs in local communities. Extensive changes and boundary adjustments were made in response to input and concerns from the local timber industry and the Forest Service to ensure the proposal would not impact available timber base under current Forest Service regulations and practices.

The upper and middle watersheds protected by the Wild Olympics legislation provide clean and safe drinking water for local communities and tens of thousands of residents of Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Sequim. Protecting these intact forests ensures that the quality and relatively inexpensive water will continue to be provided from these forested headwaters in the future.

The legislation protects and expands world-class outdoor recreation opportunities like hiking, camping, paddling, climbing, hunting and fishing. Residents and visitors alike spend their money at local businesses on the Olympic Peninsula, eating at local restaurants, finding lodging, stopping for gas and purchasing supplies for their outdoor pursuits. Attractions include Olympic National Park (which ranks fifth in visits of all national parks), the Quinault and Hoh Rainforests, mountain biking the Dungeness – Gold Creek loop trail system, paddling the whitewater of the Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers and hiking popular trails like Lena Lake and hiking among cathedral old growth forests in the South Fork Skokomish.

These free-flowing rivers and streams are also vital to the long-term health and recovery of Hood Canal and Puget Sound. They provide clean, cold water vital to the Peninsula's Shellfish industry and the hundreds of local residents they employ. Acting to safeguard our healthy watersheds now is far less costly than restoring degraded watersheds later. By granting these natural treasures the permanent protection they lack today, this legislation makes a down payment on the economic future of generations to come.

### **Public Process: Reaching Out to Local Stakeholders Early and Often**

The Wild Olympic Campaign's goal has been to develop a conservation plan crafted through local public input that is tailor-made for the diverse local recreation, access and economic needs of the Olympic Peninsula. Our campaign worked with the offices of Senator Murray, Representative Kilmer and former Representative Norm Dicks for more than five years to craft a carefully balanced proposal that provides the strongest possible protection for salmon habitat, clean water and recreational opportunities while accommodating input concerns and requests from a broad array of diverse local communities and stakeholders.

The final compromise proposal is the result of an exhaustive, multi-year public process on the Olympic Peninsula including extensive local community input from Tribes, conservation groups, timber communities, business leaders, shellfish growers, farmers, local elected officials, hunters, anglers, mountain bikers, hikers, federal and state land managers and general public.

From 2009 – 2013 the Campaign and the offices of Representative Kilmer, Senator Murray and former Representative Norm Dicks conducted more than 500 small group or individual meetings with local stakeholders in every community on the Peninsula, including multiple meetings with the staff and Commissioners of Port of Port Angeles to get feedback and input on different drafts of the proposed legislation.

As a result of listening to local communities and local stakeholders early and often, a number of significant adjustments were made to previous proposals resulting in the current balanced legislation that sits before your Committee. The final proposal is a common sense solution to permanently protect best of Olympic Peninsula's spectacular public lands - without costing timber jobs or recreational access.

### **Strong and Growing Local Support**

The Wild Olympics legislation enjoys broad and strong local support on the Olympic Peninsula and the Hood Canal region. More than 12,000 local residents who live in the counties of the 6th Congressional district closest to the proposal have signed a petition supporting the Wild Olympics proposal. These residents of Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason, Kitsap and western Pierce Counties understand the connection between protecting the wild places that are a significant part of the quality of life they enjoy. The ancient forests, clean water, wildlife and

access to recreational opportunities are a major reason of why they choose to live, work and play in this incredible landscape. For a summary of the local individual support for the proposal please see Appendix A.

Because of the inclusive process in crafting the legislation, more than 806 local Olympic Peninsula and Hood Canal region businesses, farms, CEO's, conservation and recreation organizations, sportsmen organizations, locally elected officials and religious leaders have endorsed The Wild Olympics proposal. A total of more than 90 current and former local elected officials have endorsed Wild Olympics including but not limited to the Quinault, Quileute Lower Elwha Klallam & Jamestown S'Klallam Tribes; mayors of Port Angeles, Port Townsend and Ocean Shores; current and former County Commissioners from all four Olympic Peninsula Counties; State Representatives Tharinger and Chapman whose legislative district represents the majority of the lands and gateway communities within our proposal. Additionally, 30 leading hunting and fishing organizations and local guides have endorsed, including Washington Council of Trout Unlimited, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and local hunting and fishing guides like Northwest Guides and Anglers Association, Piscatorial Pursuits, Waters West Guide Service and Little Stone Flyfisher Guide Service. More than 20 other outdoor recreation user groups and organizations have also endorsed the legislation including Washington Trails Association, Evergreen Mountain Bike Association, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Access Fund, Washington Climbers Coalition and Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Club. More than 500 local businesses have endorsed the proposal including Taylor Shellfish, Ocean Gold Seafoods, Sage Manufacturing, Sound Bikes and Kayak and Pacific Alpine Guides. For a full list of endorsements for the Wild Olympics legislation please see Appendix B. For a list of testimonials by local opinion leaders and key stakeholders see Appendix C.

## **Economic Impacts**

Senator Murray, Representative Kilmer and former Representative Dicks worked to ensure that the final legislation will not impact any timber jobs. The Wild Olympics legislation is also carefully designed to protect and grow local and state outdoor recreation industry. According to a 2019 report from Earth Economics, outdoor recreation in Washington State generates \$26.5 billion in annual consumer spending and supports more than 264,000 jobs. The Olympic Peninsula, with Olympic National Park and the adjacent Forest Service lands and rivers, is an important piece of Washington's outdoor recreation picture. As a result, the legislation enjoys strong support from the Outdoor Industry Association, Conservation Alliance, Outdoor Alliance and more than 60 other local outdoor oriented businesses, outfitters and guides.

Furthermore, permanent protection for public lands helps attract new residents, entrepreneurs and investments that create local jobs that grow the local economy. A November 2012 report by the independent, non-partisan Headwaters Economics Institute entitled "West Is Best: Protected Lands Promote Jobs and Higher Incomes - How Public Lands in the West Create a Competitive Economic Advantage" makes this point well. That report found that protected public lands are key to attracting companies, entrepreneurs and workers and that national parks, national monuments, wilderness areas and other protected public lands in the Western US have enhanced the competitive advantages of high-tech and professional services companies – a major reason why the western economy has outperformed the rest of the U.S. economy in employment, population, and personal income over the last four decades. This is one of the driving reasons why so many business leaders and large employers on the Olympic Peninsula have voiced their strong support for the proposal – see their testimonials in appendix C.

The legislation also protects rivers and streams vital to the future of Washington's fishing and shellfish industries. Washington State shellfish growers support jobs for hundreds of area residents and provide an estimated \$270 million economic impact statewide. Taylor Shellfish, based on the Olympic Peninsula, has endorsed the legislation because it would ensure that cold, clean, silt-free water will continue to flow into Puget Sound and nourish their industry.

## **Fisheries and Watershed Restoration**

The Wild Olympics legislation recognizes reserved treaty rights of Olympic Peninsula Tribes with respect to hunting, fishing, gathering, and cultural or religious rights. The majority of rivers on the Olympic Peninsula have been and continue to be the focus of habitat improvement projects to restore fisheries and to ensure the protection of tribal treaty resources. This legislation recognizes the federal trustee's responsibility to protect and recover tribal treaty resources and honor treaty rights, by working with the Treaty Tribes as co-managers of these resources. Under Section 10a of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, management agencies have an obligation to protect and enhance river values including the fishery values of regional and national significance. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and this legislation does this through protection of upper watersheds where intact habitat remains and through enhancement and restoration projects on river segments impacted by past activities that degraded condition of riparian forests and aquatic habitat. Managing agencies are further obligated to protect water quality under Section 1b of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Where the deficiency of complex habitat is considered a limiting factor for water quality and other river values, riparian management and aquatic restoration should favor conditions that facilitate the return of natural processes and habitat improvement. The Wild Olympics Campaign recognizes and respects the fundamental interest and expertise of Treaty Tribes in conducting this work to protect and enhance river values that include fishery resources.

## **Recreational Access**

One reason that members of the Wild Olympics Campaign work so hard to protect the wild places on the Olympic Peninsula is so that current and future generations can enjoy them. Preserving and enhancing recreational access has been an important goal for the legislation introduced by Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer.

Local recreational users and other interests have been extensively consulted in the development of the Wild Olympics legislation resulting in a number of accommodations to originally proposed wilderness boundaries in response to local needs. Roads and trails can be maintained and existing uses of the rivers and forests will be protected and enhanced. No forest service system roads are included within the Proposed Wilderness. This ensures continued access and consistency with the Olympic National Forests' ongoing access and travel management process which makes all decisions related to road maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. We appreciate that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has decided to include this legislation in its recent hearing. We look forward to additional congressional action on this bill in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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CC: Senator Patty Murray  
Representative Derek Kilmer

# APPENDIX A: Wild Olympics Campaign Petition Signers

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## Grassroots Comments Analysis (as of 6/21/21)

<b>Jefferson County</b>	
City	#
Brinnon	46
Chimacum	101
Port Hadlock	115
Port Ludlow	112
Port Townsend	1809
Quilcene	112
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>2,314</b>

<b>Clallam County</b>	
City	#
Beaver	4
Carlsborg	28
Clallam Bay	4
Forks	40
Gardiner	1
Joyce	12
La Push	3
Neah Bay	5
Port Angeles	1243
Sekiu	4
Sequim	1208
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>2,552</b>

<b>Mason County</b>	
City	#
Allyn	64
Belfair	177
Grapeview	40
Hoodsport	75
Lilliwaup	28
Matlock	5
Shelton*	1032
Skokomish	3
Tahuya	37
Union	53
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,514</b>

<b>Total Comments</b>	
Source	#
6 CD (Petition DB)	12,327
Non 6 CD Subtotal:	9,125
<b>Total:</b>	<b>21,452</b>

<b>Grays Harbor County</b>	
City	#
Aberdeen	1095
Amanda Park	7
Copalis Beach	24
Copalis Crossing	2
Cosmopolis	69
Elma	299
Grayland	42
Hoquiam	502
Malone	6
Markham	1
McCleary	77
MoClips	15
Montesano	260
Nielton	3
Oakville	19
Ocean City	2
Ocean Shores	243
Pacific Beach	20
Quinault	3
Satsop	6
Westport	134
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>2,829</b>

\* While Shelton is the largest and only incorporated town in Mason County, it is just outside the 6th CD

<b>Kitsap County (6 CD)</b>	
City	#
Bainbridge Island	299
Bremerton	762
Burley	10
Hansville	23
Indianola	26
Keyport	5
Kingston	112
Manchester	9
Olalla	48
Port Gamble	5
Port Orchard	512
Poulsbo	273
Seabeck	56
Silverdale	230
Suquamish	30
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>2,400</b>

<b>Pierce County (6 CD)</b>	
City	#
Fircrest	22
Fox Island	27
Gig Harbor	461
Lakebay	37
Lakewood	52
Longbranch	2
Tacoma	1029
University Place	100
Vaughn	17
Wauna	4
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,751</b>

<b>Recreation Tags</b>	
Only for Web Petitions since 2016	#
Hiker	4969
Hunter	470
Angler	1305
Climber	1028
Paddler	1795
Mountain Biker	983
Horseback Rider	545
Business Owner	575
Faith Leader	166
Tribal Member	86
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11922</b>

**Pro Wild Olympics signs in yards along the main thoroughfares in Aberdeen & Hoquiam (the two largest cities in Grays Harbor County), June 2021**



# APPENDIX B: Wild Olympics Campaign Endorsements

Total  
Endorsements

806

*The following individuals/organizations support the conservation vision of the Wild Olympics Campaign to protect watersheds on the Olympic Peninsula through proposed wilderness and Wild and Scenic designations*

## Current and Former Elected Officials (93)

WA Governor Jay Inslee  
WA Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz  
WA State Senator Christine Rolfes (Dist. 23)  
WA State Representative Drew Hansen (Dist. 23)  
WA State Representative Tarra Simmons (Dist. 23)  
WA State Representative Steve Tharinger (Dist.24)  
WA State Representative Mike Chapman (Dist.24)  
Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias  
Jefferson County Commissioner Greg Brotherton  
Jefferson County Commissioner Katie Dean  
Jefferson County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour  
Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido  
Kitsap County Commissioner Robert Gelder  
Aberdeen City Councilmember Alan Richrod  
Aberdeen City Councilmember Frank Gordon  
Aberdeen City Councilmember Joshua Francy  
Aberdeen City Council Member Nathan Kennedy  
Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler  
Bremerton City Councilmember Leslie Daug  
Hoquiam City Councilmember Brenda Carlstrom  
Hoquiam City Councilmember Denise Anderson  
Hoquiam City Councilmember Steven Puvogel  
Ocean Shores Mayor Crystal Dingler  
Ocean Shores City Councilmember Jon Martin  
Ocean Shores City Councilmember Kathryn L. Sprigg  
Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson  
Port Angeles Mayor Kate Dexter  
Port Angeles City Councilmember Mike French  
Port Angeles City Councilmember Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin  
Port Angeles City Councilmember LaTrisha Ollom-Suggs  
Port Orchard City Councilmember Fred Chang  
Port Townsend Mayor Michelle Sandoval  
Port Townsend Deputy Mayor David J. Faber  
Port Townsend City Councilmember Amy Howard  
Port Townsend City Councilmember Monica MickHager  
Port Townsend City Councilmember Ariel Speser  
Westport City Councilmember Louis Summers  
Westport City Councilmember Melissa Huerta  
Former WA State Representative Sherry Appleton (Dist. 23)  
Former Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty  
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Kathleen Kler  
Former Jefferson County Commissioner David Sullivan  
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Larry Dennison  
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Phil Johnson  
Former Jefferson County Commissioner John Austin  
Former Kitsap County Commissioner Josh Brown  
Former Mason County Commissioner Terri Michels Drexler  
Former Mason County Commissioner Ross Gallagher  
Former Mason County Commissioner Lynda Ring-Erickson  
Former Grays Harbor County Commissioner Al Carter  
Former Ocean Shores Mayor Garland French  
Former WA Secretary of State Ralph Munro  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Kristen Hytopoulos  
Former Aberdeen Mayor Eric Larsen  
Former Aberdeen City Councilmember Jeff Cook  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Sarah Blossom  
Former Bainbridge Island City Mayor Steve Bonkowski  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Anne Blair  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Bob Scales  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Debbi Lester  
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember David Ward  
Former Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent  
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Roy Runyon  
Former Bremerton City Council President Jim McDonald  
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Faye Flemister  
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Carol Arends  
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Nick Wofford  
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Adam Brockus  
Former Hoquiam Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff  
Former Hoquiam City Councilmember Richard Pennant  
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Dan Overton  
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Ed Engel  
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Jackie Fara  
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember John Lynn  
Former Port Angeles Mayor Sissi Bruch  
Former Port Orchard City Councilmember Carolyn Powers  
Former Port Townsend Mayor Deborah Stinson  
Former Port of Port Townsend Commissioner Brad Clinefelter  
Former Port Townsend Mayor David King  
Former Port Townsend City Councilmember Mark Welch  
Former Port Townsend Councilmember Catharine Robinson  
Former Port Townsend City Councilmember Pamela Davis  
Former Poulsbo City Councilmember Linda Berry-Maraist  
Former Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt  
Former Sequim City Councilmember Bob Lake  
Former Sequim City Mayor Ken Hays  
Former Sequim City Councilmember Jennifer States  
Former Sequim City Councilmember Laura Dubois  
Former Sequim City Councilmember Genaveve Starr  
Former Shelton City Commissioner Mike Olsen  
Former Shelton City Commissioner Tracy Moore  
Former Tacoma City Councilmember Ryan Mello  
Former Westport City Councilmember Desiree Dodson

## **Tribal Nations (5)**

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians  
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe  
Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe  
Quileute Tribe  
Quinault Indian Nation

## **Hunting & Fishing Interests (30)**

ABLE Guide Service (Sekiu)  
Anadromy Fly-Fishing Guide Service (Forks)  
Angler's Obsession (Forks)  
Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Bad Ash Fishing Guide Service (Taholah)  
Bob's Piscatorial Pursuits (Forks)  
Brazada's Fly Fishing  
Doug Rose Fly Fishing (Forks) (*deceased*)  
Game On! Guide Service (Shelton)  
Greater Seattle Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America  
Gig Harbor Fly Shop (Gig Harbor)  
Greywolf Flyfishing Club (Sequim)  
Little Stone Flyfisher (Port Townsend)  
Mike Z's Guide Service (Forks)  
Norrie Johnson Guide Service (Sequim)  
Northwest Guides and Anglers Association  
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association  
Oly Women on the Fly Guide Service  
Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics (Forks)  
Peninsula Sportsman Guide & Outfitting Service (Port Townsend)  
Sage Fly Rods (Bainbridge Island)  
Sea Run Pursuits  
Sportsmen for Wild Olympics (Aberdeen)  
Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Washington Council of Trout Unlimited  
Washington River Fishing (Hoodspout)  
Washington Wildlife Federation  
Waters West Guide Service (Montesano)  
Waters West Fly Fishing Outfitters (Port Angeles)  
Wild Steelhead Coalition (Quilcene)

## **Other Recreation Interests (24)**

Access Fund  
American Alpine Club  
American Canoe Association  
American Whitewater  
Conservation Alliance  
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance  
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs  
International Mountain Bicycling Association  
Mazamas  
Olympic Peninsula Climbers

Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Club  
Outdoor Alliance  
Outdoors for All  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Paddle Trails Canoe Club  
Peninsula Wilderness Club (Bremerton)  
The Mountaineers  
Visit Kitsap Peninsula (Silverdale)  
Washington Alpine Club  
Washington Climbers Coalition  
Washington Kayak Club  
Washington Recreational River Runners  
Washington Trails Association  
Winter Wildlands Alliance

## **Conservation & Civic Organizations (61)**

10,000 Years Institute (Port Townsend)  
Admiralty Audubon Society (Port Townsend)  
American Rivers  
Audubon Washington  
Base Camps of America (Quilcene)  
Black Hills Audubon Society  
Cascade Forest Conservancy  
Center for Responsible Forestry  
Conservation Northwest  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Fish Not Gold  
Friends of Grays Harbor (Aberdeen)  
Friends of Miller Peninsula State Park (Sequim)  
Fuse Washington  
Grays Harbor Audubon Society (Montesano)  
Great Old Broads for Wilderness  
Greenfleet Monitoring Expeditions (Quilcene)  
Hood Canal Coalition (Port Ludlow)  
Hood Canal Environmental Council (Seabeck)  
Kitsap Audubon Society (Poulsbo)  
Kitsap Environmental Coalition (Hansville)  
Latino Outdoors  
Latinos for Wild Olympics  
League of Women Voters of Clallam County  
National Parks Conservation Association  
Native Fish Society  
North Beach PAWS (Ocean Shores)  
North Olympic Group – Sierra Club (Carlsborg)  
Northwest Watershed Institute (Port Townsend)  
Ocean Shores Citizens for Balanced Growth (Ocean Shores)  
Olympic Coast Alliance (Olympia)  
Olympic Environmental Council (Port Townsend)  
Olympic Forest Coalition (Quilcene)  
Olympic Park Advocates (Sequim)  
Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (Sequim)  
Pacific Rivers

Puget Sound University (Tacoma)  
The Pew Charitable Trusts  
Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband (Elma)  
Protect the Peninsula's Future (Sequim)  
Puget Sound Partnership  
PT Airwatchers (Port Townsend)  
Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition  
Sierra Club Washington Chapter  
Tahoma Audubon Society (University Place)  
The Wilderness Society  
Twin Harbor Waterkeepers (Cosmopolis)  
Vashon Audubon  
Veterans Conservation Corps (Bremerton)  
WA Build Back Black Alliance  
Washington Conservation Voters  
Washington Environmental Council  
Washington Native Plant Society  
Washington Water Trails  
Washington Wild  
West Sound Conservation Council (Poulsbo)  
Wild Fish Conservancy  
Wild Washington Rivers  
WildEarth Guardians  
Willapa Hills Audubon Society  
Women for Wildlands

## **Business Endorsements (512)**

### **Local CEOs (9)**

Jordan Eades, HOPE Roofing & Construction  
(Port Townsend)  
Kelsey Marshall, Grounds for Change (Poulsbo)  
Bret Wirta, Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center  
(Sequim)  
Kris Klein, Far Bank Enterprises (Bainbridge Island)  
Bill Taylor, Taylor Shellfish Farms, Inc. (Shelton)  
Steve Sims, LimbSaver/Comfort-Tech/Sims Vibration  
Laboratory, Inc. (Shelton)  
Alanna Imbach, Vibe Coworks (Poulsbo)  
Pete Langley, Port Townsend Foundry {Port Townsend}  
James Thomas, President, Thermedia (Shelton)

### **Local Farms (24)**

Chi's Farm (Sequim)  
Deer Park Dahlia Farm (Port Angeles)  
Eaglemount Wine and Cider (Port Townsend)  
Erik's Edible Orchard (Sequim)  
Finn River Farm (Chimacum)  
Jardin du Soleil Lavender Farm (Sequim)  
JC Tree Farm (Wishkah)  
Johnston Farms (Port Angeles)  
Lazy J Tree Farm (Port Angeles)  
Leland Valley Tree Farm (Quilcene)  
Little Gray Farms Escargots (Quilcene)

Midori Farm (Quilcene)  
Moosedreams Lavender Farms (Sequim)  
Old Tarboo Farm (Quilcene)  
Red Dog Farm (Chimacum)  
Salt Creek Farm (Port Angeles)  
Serendipity Farm (Quilcene)  
Serenity Farm Sport Horses (Port Angeles)  
Skokomish Farms (Union)  
Solstice Farm Bed and Breakfast (Chimacum)  
Spring Rain Farm and Orchard (Chimacum)  
The Farm at Dry Bed Creek (Matlock)  
West Wind Farm on Salt Creek (Port Angeles)  
Winding Creek Farm (Elma)

### **Outdoor Industry Business (66)**

Adventures Through Kayaking (Port Angeles)  
All Points Charters & Tours (Port Angeles)  
American Alpine Institute  
Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA)  
B. I. Cycle Shop (Bainbridge Island)  
Back of Beyond Outfitters (Bainbridge Island)  
Ben's Bikes (Sequim)  
Bicycle Works (Bremerton)  
Bike Garage (Port Angeles)  
Bike Tech (Tacoma)  
Bob's Bike (Port Townsend)  
Brian's Sporting Goods and More (Sequim)  
Broken Spoke (Port Townsend)  
Brooks Sports  
C.C. Filson, Co.  
Cascade Designs  
Classic Cycle (Bainbridge Island)  
Cliff Bar and Company  
Conti's Custom Rods  
Daddy O's Board Shop (Gig Harbor)  
Deep Sea Charters, Inc (Westport)  
Dungeness Kayaking (Sequim)  
Egan Associates  
Exotic Hikes/Outdoor Society (South Sound)  
EXPED  
Experience Olympic LLC. (Port Angeles)  
Footloose Communications  
Grayl  
Hood Canal Adventures (Union)  
Kayak Brinnon (Brinnon)  
Klean Kanteen  
Kokatat  
Mike's Bikes (Sequim)  
MiiR  
Nikwax NA  
North Coast Surf Inc. (Ocean Shores)  
Northwest River Supplies  
Old Town Bicycle Inc. (Gig Harbor)  
Olympic Bike & Skate (Port Orchard)

Olympic Outdoor Center (Port Gamble)  
Outdoor Research  
Pacific Alpine Guides (Port Angeles)  
Patagonia  
Perpetual Motion NW  
Port Townsend Cyclery (Port Townsend)  
Poulsbo Running (Poulsbo)  
Pygmy Sea Kayaks (Port Townsend)  
REI Coop  
Ruffwear  
Runner Girl Races, LLC  
Schoeller Textiles  
Shelton Outfitters (Shelton)  
Silverdale Cyclery (Silverdale)  
Sound Bikes & Kayak (Port Angeles)  
Sport Townsend (Port Townsend)  
Strait Scuba (Port Angeles)  
Steepwater Surf Shop (Westport)  
Stickeen  
Superfeet Worldwide  
Tacoma Bike (Tacoma)  
The ReCyclery (Port Townsend)  
Waypoint Outdoor  
Werner Paddles  
Wilderness Outdoor Store (Bainbridge Island)  
Williwaw (Port Townsend)  
Zumiez

#### **Local Businesses & Economic Leaders (410)**

2 Blocks Up Café (Bremerton)  
2 Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant (Union)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Act Magazine/Oshi Publishing (Brinnon)  
5th Avenue Furniture (Sequim)  
A Fine Line Press (Clallam Bay)  
A Kitchen That Works (Bainbridge Island)  
A Natural Approach (Aberdeen)  
A1 Auto Parts (Sequim)  
Action Built Construction (Port Angeles)  
Al Carter Consulting (Hoquiam)  
AlanHil Graphics (Aberdeen)  
Alba Creative (Port Townsend)  
Alchemy Bistro (Port Townsend)  
Alder Wood Bistro (Sequim)  
Angeles Brewing Supply (Port Angeles)  
Anime Kat (Port Angeles)  
Arlan's Oven (Westport)  
Around Again (Port Angeles)  
ArtHQx (Hoquiam)  
Ayers Automotive (Allyn)  
Auto Valve (Sequim)  
Bailey Signs & Graphics (Port Angeles)  
Baja Cantina (Sequim)  
Bay City Sausage Market (Aberdeen)  
Bay Gifts (Ocean Shores)

Baymont Inn & Suites (Bremerton)  
Bazaars Girls Yarn Shop (Port Townsend)  
Beach Boutiques (Ocean Shores)  
Becky Translates (Sequim)  
Belfair Marine (Belfair)  
Belfair Maytag Laundry (Belfair)  
Belfair Variety & Nursery (Belfair)  
Bella Boutique (Hoodsport)  
Bent Bine Brew Co, LLC (Belfair)  
Better Living Through Coffee (Port Townsend)  
Better on You (Union)  
Big Wolf Trading Company (Port Townsend)  
Bike Path Bungalow Vacation Renta (Port Angeles)  
Bliss Salon Co. & Apparel (Port Angeles)  
Blue Whole Gallery (Sequim)  
Bottle Zone (Port Townsend)  
Bowman Financial Group (Shelton)  
Brady's Oysters (Aberdeen)  
Bread of the Presence (Shelton)  
Brennan Van Blair LLC (Port Angeles)  
Brett's Stump Grinding (Port Townsend)  
Brocante (Port Angeles)  
Burger Stand (Hoodsport)  
Butterfly's Café (Shelton)  
C.J. Automotive (Ocean Shores)  
C & S Grocery (Elma)  
Cady Lake Manor Bed & Breakfast (Belfair)  
Captian Lee, LLC (Union)  
Carol Wise, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)  
Cellar Door (Port Townsend)  
Cheema Market (McCleary)  
Cheri Raab's Body Shop (Port Townsend)  
Cherry Blossom (Port Townsend)  
Chirp & Company (Tacoma)  
Chrey Fine Jewelry (Bremerton)  
Christian Kazimir Construction (Ocean Shores)  
Christy Carwell Salon Stylist (Port Angeles)  
Chubby Glass & Friends (Belfair)  
Cigar Land Ltd. (Belfair)  
Circle and Square Auto Care (Port Hadlock)  
Civic Practice Group (Port Townsend)  
Clark's Chambers Bed & Breakfast (Sequim)  
Cloud Nine (Ocean Shores)  
Clothes Horse (Port Townsend)  
Coastal Serenity (Ocean Shores)  
Cock-a-Doodle Doughnuts (Port Angeles)  
Collective Visions Gallery (Bremerton)  
Common Grounds Cafe (Port Angeles)  
Cooper Studios (Shelton)  
Country Aire Natural Foods (Port Angeles)  
Country Relics (Allyn)  
Cove RV Park & Country Store (Brinnon)  
Cracked Bean Coffee Co. (Sequim)  
Cranberry Motel & RV Park (Westport)

Creative Framing (Sequim)  
Creeside Inn (Hoodsport)  
Crossfit Thunder Ridge (Port Angeles)  
Cucina Pizza (Port Ludlow)  
Cuts on the Run Barbershop (Forks)  
D-L Summers Inc. (Westport)  
David Goetze Photography (Quilcene)  
Deanna's Hair Design (Port Townsend)  
Dennise Wells, Premier Realty Westport, LLC (Westport)  
Designs by Nora (Lilliwaup)  
Dog Townsend (Port Townsend)  
Domaine Madeleine Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)  
Domike Consulting (Hoquiam)  
Don's Pharmacy (Port Townsend)  
Doormouse Boutique (Ocean Shores)  
Dragoun's Leir (Belfair)  
Dungeness Gold Spices and Sauces (Sequim)  
Dungeness Kids Co. (Sequim)  
Eagle Harbor Books (Bainbridge Island)  
Easy Street Coffee and Tea House (Port Angeles)  
East County Video Games and Collectibles (McLeary)  
Econolodge Inn & Suites (Hoquiam)  
Ecstatic Dance (Port Angeles)  
Eden By the Sea Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)  
El Sarape 3 (Shelton)  
El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant (Belfair)  
Eldon Store (Lilliwaup)  
Electric Beach Salon (Port Angeles)  
Elevated Ice Cream Co. (Port Townsend)  
Elton Bennett Art (Hoquiam)  
Emerson Grocery (Hoquiam)  
Events on Emerson (Hoquiam)  
Face of Grace (Port Townsend)  
FEAST Culinary Studio (Port Townsend)  
Fiddleheads (Port Angeles)  
Fieldnotes (Sequim)  
First Cabin (Ocean Shores)  
Food Coop (Port Townsend)  
Forest Aldrich, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)  
Forest Gems (Port Townsend)  
Framing by Leslie (Port Angeles)  
Frank Gordon Electric (Aberdeen)  
Fresh Market (Ocean Shores)  
Fudd's Fish and Chips (Sequim)  
Full Moon Candle (Sequim)  
Fusions Art Gallery (Hoquiam)  
Games and Needful Things (Shelton)  
Gateway Games & Hobby (Sequim)  
Gateway Gaming Center (Port Angeles)  
George Kenny School of Woodcarving (Allyn)  
Getables (Port Townsend)  
Gilman Studio (Port Townsend)  
Give Me Paws (Ocean Shores)  
Glamour Girl Salon (Port Townsend)  
Gnarley Dog Farm (Quilcene)  
Goin' to the Dogs (Sequim)  
Good to Go Natural Grocery (Port Angeles)  
Gourmet Burger Shop (Gig Harbor)  
Grays Harbor Dance (Hoquiam)  
Green Eyeshade (Port Townsend)  
Hair by Nancy G (Ocean Shores)  
Handcrafter's Hideaway (Ocean Shores)  
Harbinger Winery (Port Angeles)  
Harbor Medical Collective (Sequim)  
Harborwood Designs (Montesano)  
Harriet Reyenga – Realtor (Port Angeles)  
High Tide Body Art (Ocean Shores)  
Hixsonville Oddities & Collectables (Brinnon)  
Holly's Fine Flowers (Port Townsend)  
Holm's Heritage Painting And Boat Works (Port Townsend)  
Home Staging & Styling (Port Townsend)  
Hoodsport Coffee Company (Hoodsport)  
Hood Canal Event (Union)  
Hood Canal Travel, Inc. (Belfair)  
Hosstyle Inc. (Aberdeen)  
Howell's Sandwiches (Port Townsend)  
Hoquiam Chiropractic (Hoquiam)  
Hoquiam Liquor Store (Hoquiam)  
Hurricane Coffee Company (Sequim)  
Inn at Waterfront Place (Port Townsend)  
Inside Passage Seeds (Port Townsend)  
Inspired Gift Shop (Port Angeles)  
Islander Resort and RV Park (Westport)  
Jackson's SignArt Studio (Port Angeles)  
JB's RV Park & Campground (Hoquiam)  
Jennifer Watson Hair Stylist (Hoodsport)  
Jillian Marie Shea, CPA (Port Ludlow)  
Jim Blake, Architect (Hoquiam)  
Jiminez Produce (Ocean Shores)  
JK Treasures (Belfair)  
JLS Partners LLC (Hoquiam)  
Joglo (Port Townsend)  
Jose's Famous Salsa (Sequim)  
K & R Store (Union)  
Karen's Quilt Shop (Sequim)  
Kaydee Duncan, Realtor (Sequim)  
Kohler Jewelry (Port Angeles)  
La Belle Creperie (Port Angeles)  
Ladies & Gents Barbershop (Elma)  
La Place Sur La Mer (Port Angeles)  
Laughing Gnome Pottery (Port Townsend)  
Laurie Christian Real Estate (Ocean Shores)  
Lavish (Sequim)  
Le Plume Boutique (Port Angeles)  
Lehani Inc., (Port Townsend)  
Little Hoquiam Childcare (Hoquiam)  
Little Mountain Pet Grooming (Port Angeles)  
Lively Olive Tasting Bar (Port Townsend)

Living Dead Tattoo Co. (Elma)  
LoBo Designs (Sequim)  
Loge Co. (Westport)  
Lorna Valdez – Realtor (Ocean Shores)  
LT Educational Consulting (Port Townsend)  
Lucky Star (Sequim)  
Lynch Creek Floral (Shelton)  
Lytle Seafood (Hoquiam)  
M & G Mariner Café (Sequim)  
Ma and Pa's Kettle Corn (Montesano)  
Mac's Bar and Cardroom (Aberdeen)  
Mad Hatter (Port Townsend)  
Mad Maggie Boutique & Salon (Sequim)  
Madera Building LLC. (Bainbridge Island)  
Maestrale (Port Townsend)  
Magpie Alley (Port Townsend)  
Mari Meds (Belfair)  
Marina Café (Port Townsend)  
Mariner's Cove Inn (Westport)  
Marni's Petal Pushers (Montesano)  
Martin Bruni Liquor (Ocean Shores)  
McGovran Management Group (Port Ludlow)  
McPhee's Grocery (Port Angeles)  
Metro Bagels (Port Townsend)  
Michael David Ward Productions (Port Townsend)  
Mike's Beach Resort on Hood Canal (Lilliwaup)  
MK Appraisal (Port Townsend)  
Mom's Laundromat (Port Townsend)  
Moran Oil Enterprises (Port Townsend)  
Mosquito Fleet Winery (Belfair)  
Moxie's Boutique (Port Angeles)  
Mr. Bill's Collectible World (Belfair)  
MRD Subway Group (Port Townsend)  
Museum of the North Beach (Moclips)  
Mystery Decals (Port Angeles)  
Mystery Bay Farmhouse (Nordland)  
Namaste (Ocean Shores)  
New Day Eatery (Port Angeles)  
North Beach Community TV (Aberdeen)  
North Beach Medical Equipment (Ocean Shores)  
North Beach Printing (Ocean Shores)  
Northwest Editors (Hoquiam)  
Northwest Fudge and Confections (Port Angeles)  
Northwest Man (Port Townsend)  
Nourish (Sequim)  
NW Fox (Port Angeles)  
Ocean Companies (Westport)  
Ocean Shores Boathouse (Ocean Shores)  
Ocean Shores Electric Boats (Ocean Shores)  
Ocean Shores Kites (Ocean Shores)  
Octopus Gardens (Port Townsend)  
Oh Susanna's Bed and Breakfast (Sequim)  
Oishi Teriyaki (Montesano)

Old Town Flowers (Allyn)  
Old Whisky Mill (Port Townsend)  
Olympic Inn (Aberdeen)  
Olympic Lavender (Sequim)  
Olympic Marine Co. (Port Angeles)  
Olympic Mountain Ice Cream (Shelton)  
Olympic Stained Glass (Port Angeles)  
Olympic Stationers Inc. (Port Angeles)  
Olympic Trading Post (Port Townsend)  
One Hundred Horses Raku (Port Townsend)  
OP Anglers Real Estate (Port Angeles)  
Organics 101 Market (Montesano)  
Over the Fence (Sequim)  
Overboard Espresso (Westport)  
Owly's Wayside Nest (Hoodsport)  
Owl in the Attic (Shelton)  
Owl Spirit Coffee (Port Townsend)  
Pacific Bay International, Inc. (Sequim)  
Pacific Rim Hobby (Port Angeles)  
Paparazzi (Belfair)  
Paraffine USA LLC (Bainbridge Island)  
PC Pit Stop (Belfair)  
Penny Saver Market (Port Townsend)  
Perfect Addiction Espresso LLC. (Hoodsport)  
Petal Pushers Florist (Belfair)  
Petals Flower Shop (Port Townsend)  
Peters Marine (Port Townsend)  
Phase6Productions & Airbnb (Port Angeles)  
Pho Thai LLC (Port Townsend)  
Phoenix Rising (Port Townsend)  
Pic-A-Roon Pelican Gift Shop (Westport)  
Pieces of Time (Sequim)  
Pipeline Construction Company (Lilliwaup)  
Pippa's Real Tea (Port Townsend)  
Plackett Enterprises (Ocean Shores)  
Port Book and News (Port Angeles)  
Port Townsend Antique Mall (Port Townsend)  
Port Townsend Watercraft, LLC (Port Townsend)  
Porthole Pub & Grill (Ocean Shores)  
Potlatch Brewing (Hoodsport)  
PourHouse (Port Townsend)  
Praxis Salon (Hoquiam)  
Prima Materia (Port Townsend)  
Princess Valiant Coffee (Port Angeles)  
Printery Communications (Port Townsend)  
Propolis Brewing (Port Townsend)  
Psychic Intuitions (Belfair)  
PT Adventure School (Port Townsend)  
PT Shirt Company (Port Townsend)  
PTeRider (Port Townsend)  
Pure Clothing (Ocean Shores)  
Purse-Onality Attracts (Belfair)  
Quality Assured Computer Services (Sequim)  
Quality Inn and Suites (Sequim)

Quartz Vein (Port Townsend)  
Quimper Sound (Port Townsend)  
Rainshadow Recording (Port Townsend)  
Ravensara Espresso (Gig Harbor)  
Ravenstone Tiles (Port Townsend)  
Ray's Barber Shop (Belfair)  
Red Caboose Getaway (Sequim)  
Red Dragonfly (Port Townsend)  
Red Step Studio (Bremerton)  
Rest-A-While RV Park (Hoodsport)  
Rick Brown – Realtor (Sequim)  
Ridgewalker Photography (Carlsborg)  
Rosie's Taqueria (Hoquiam)  
Roy Nott, Business Leader (Hoquiam)  
Russell Johnson Photography (Port Townsend)  
RV Consumer Group (Quiclene)  
Salon DeLucca (Port Townsend)  
San Juan Classic Day Sailing (Port Townsend)  
Sandy's Kitchen Shop (Sequim)  
Savory Faire (Montesano)  
Scout & Merc (Port Angeles)  
Sea Cliff Gardens Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)  
Sea J's Café (Port Townsend)  
Seabreeze Artist's Gallery (Ocean Shores)  
Seaweed (Ocean Shores)  
Sequim Beauty Salon (Sequim)  
Sequim Health and Rehabilitation (Sequim)  
Sequim Smoke Shop (Sequim)  
Sequim Spice and Tea (Sequim)  
Sergio's Mexican Restaurant (Sequim)  
Sharky's (Ocean Shores)  
Shelton Inn (Shelton)  
Shelton Music (Shelton)  
Silver City Brewery (Bremerton)  
Silver Sands Motel (Westport)  
Sirens Pub (Port Townsend)  
Sofie's Florist (Sequim)  
Sonya's Bayside Barber (Poulsbo)  
SOS Printing (Port Townsend)  
Sparket R&R (Port Angeles)  
Spider & Twig (Port Townsend)  
Sophia Petricola Massage (Port Townsend)  
Steven Fey Gallery & Studio (Bainbridge Island)  
Still Water Studios (Bremerton)  
Stiches By Stiches (Aberdeen)  
Strait Music (Port Angeles)  
Strait Slice Pizza (Port Angeles)  
Studio 125 Salon (Shelton)  
Summer house Design (Port Townsend)  
Sunrise Meats (Port Angeles)  
Super 8 Motel (Port Angeles)  
Super Natural NW (Belfair)  
Swallow's Nest Antiques (Sequim)  
Sweet and Salty (Port Angeles)

Tanglewoods Floral Boutique (Ocean Shores)  
Taylor Station Restaurant and Lounge (Shelton)  
That Takes the Cake (Sequim)  
The Berry Patch (Bainbridge Island)  
The Boiler Room (Port Townsend)  
The Candle Store (Port Townsend)  
The Dusty Trunk (Ocean Shores)  
The Framing Source (Port Angeles)  
The Glenacres Historic Inn (Westport)  
The Good Book (Sequim)  
The Hair Studio (Port Townsend)  
The Hardware Distillery Company (Hoodsport)  
The INN at Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor)  
The Local Yarn Shop (Sequim)  
The Maritime Inn (Gig Harbor)  
The Orchard At Three Rivers (Forks)  
The Perfect Season (Port Townsend)  
The Rusting Rooster (Sequim)  
The Tides Restaurant (Hoodsport)  
Threadz Consignment (Belfair)  
Tijssen Designs (Ocean Shores)  
Tinderbox Coffee Roasters (Aberdeen)  
TLC Pet Salon (Belfair)  
Todd's Shoe Repair (Shelton)  
Tops Motel (Hoquiam)  
Townsend Electric (Port Townsend)  
Tropical Tanning Salon & Boutique (Hoquiam)  
True Tech Home Inspection LLC (Belfair)  
Tsunami Gems & Beads (Ocean Shores)  
Turning Leaf Physical Therapy (Gig Harbor)  
Twice As Nice Treasures (Belfair)  
UDJAT Beads (Port Angeles)  
Uptown Art & Antiques (Port Townsend)  
Uptown Pub (Port Townsend)  
Urraco Coffee (Shelton)  
Velocity Café (Port Townsend)  
Victorian Vacation Rental (Port Angeles)  
Vintage Dragonfly (Belfair)  
VTKA Hair & Nails (Port Townsend)  
Wallyworks Enterprises (Port Townsend)  
Walter Dacon Wines (Shelton)  
Wandering Wardrobe (Port Townsend)  
Weatherly Shores (Ocean Shores)  
Westbay Auto Parts (Belfair)  
Westport Gardens (Westport)  
Westport Marina Cottages (Westport)  
Westside Pizza (Port Angeles)  
Westside Pizza (Shelton)  
What's Cooking (Port Townsend)  
White Crane Martial Arts (Port Angeles)  
Wild Birds Unlimited (Gardiner)  
Wild Sage (Port Townsend)  
Wild Spirit Herbals (Port Angeles)  
William James Bookseller (Port Townsend)

Wilson Insurance Company (Port Townsend)  
Woodshed Bar & Grill (Belfair)  
Woofs Dog Boutique (Ocean Shores)  
World's End (Port Townsend)  
Wynwoods Gallery & Studio (Port Townsend)  
Yelvik General Store (Brinnon)  
ZazzyKat Soap Company (Shelton)  
Zech Interior Designs (Belfair)

### **Religious Leaders (84)\***

Bishop Gregory H. Rickel, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia  
Bishop Grant Hagiya, Pacific Northwest Conference of Methodists  
Transitional Executive Presbyter Keith Tanis, Presbytery of Olympia  
Executive Presbyter Corey Schlosser-Hall, North Puget Sound Presbytery  
Conference Minister Michael Denton, Pacific NW Conference, The United Church of Christ  
Executive Minister Marcia J. Patton, Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches  
Superintendent Sharon L. Moe, Pacific NW Conference, United Methodist Church  
Rev. Paul Benz, Co-Director. Faith Action Network of Washington  
LeeAnne Beres, Executive Director, Earth Ministry  
Rev. David T. Alger, Former Executive Director, Associated Ministries (Tacoma)  
Rev. Susie Beil, Pastor, Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Archer Klein, Interim Pastor, Urban Grace Downtown Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Paul Stumme-Diers, Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church (Bainbridge Island)  
Rev. Martin Yabroff, Pastor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Marta Schellberg, Pastor, Bremerton United Methodist Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. Bruce Kadden, Rabbi, Temple Beth El (Tacoma)  
Rev. Bruce A. Bode, Minister, Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Port Townsend)  
Rev. Dr. Jane F. Maynard, Rector, Christ Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Linda Nou, Pastor, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church (Aberdeen)  
Rev. Marty Shelton-Jenck, Pastor, Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church (Rolling Bay)  
Rev. Mary Sanders, Pastor, United Lutheran Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Austin Adkinson, Pastor, North Mason United Methodist Church (Belfair)  
Rev. Dr. Melvin R. Woodworth, Pastor, First United Methodist Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Philip Nesvig, Pastor, First Lutheran Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Jim Head-Corliss, Pastor, Gig Harbor United Methodist

Church (Gig Harbor)  
Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Local Priest, St. Mark Episcopal Church (Montesano)  
Rev. Ronald Belisle, Pastor, St. Edward Parish (Shelton)  
Rev. Monty Smith, Pastor, Epworth Lesourd United Methodist Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Dr. Robert E. Slater, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (Port Townsend)  
Rev. Jennifer Walters, Pastor, United Church (University Place)  
Rev. Ann Adkinson, Pastor, Colby United Methodist Church (Port Orchard)  
Rev. Tom Thresher, Minister, Suquamish United Church of Christ (Suquamish)  
Rev. Ron Anderson, Pastor, Manette Community Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. Kendall T. Haynes, Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew Episcopal Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Lindsay Ireland, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church (Port Hadlock)  
Rev. Jim Hewson, Pastor, Fern Hill United Methodist Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Eric Stelle, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church (Gig Harbor)  
Rev. Peter Van Zanten, Priest-in-charge, St. Germain Episcopal Church (Hoodsport)  
Rev. Jon Schmick, Pastor, Marine View Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Wes Stanton, Pastor, Tracyton United Methodist Church (Tracyton)  
Rev. Dave Brown, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Elizabeth Bloch, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Port Townsend)  
Rev. Scott Schaefer, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (Quilcene)  
Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Local Priest, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Montesano)  
Rev. Mark Woldseth, Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Paul Meeker, Pastor, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. Sarah W. Wiles, Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Janet Matthews, Pastor, Fox Island United Church of Christ (Fox Island)  
Rev. Kathleen Kingslight, Rector. St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. William Graves, Minister, Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Tacoma)  
Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church (Belfair)  
Rev. Nina Body, Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Sigi Helgeson, Pastor, Family of God Lutheran Church (Bremerton)  
Rev. Gordy Hutchins, Pastor, The Bridge: A Ministry Of The United Methodist Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Sheryl Biegert, Pastor, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church (Gig Harbor)  
Rev. Dr. Bonnie Chandler-Warren, Senior Pastor, Mason United Methodist Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Dr. Linda C. Milks, Pastor, Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church (Hoquiam)  
Rev. Dennis Hartsook, Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church (Elma)  
Rev. Scott Harrison, Pastor, Port Orchard United Methodist Church (Port Orchard)  
Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Tierney, Rector, Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church (Bainbridge Island)  
Rev. Heather James, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Bill Harper, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church (Bainbridge Island)  
Rev. Dennis G. Sepper, Pastor, The University Congregation (Tacoma)  
Rev. Sarah E. Roemer, Pastor, Spirit of Life Lutheran Church (Port Orchard)  
Rev. Matthew Robbins-Ghormley, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Richard Grinstad, Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Port Angeles)  
Rev. Rebecca Shjerven, Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows (Tacoma)

Rev. Adrian Bonaro, Pastor, First Lutheran Community Church (Port Orchard)  
Father Bob Rhoads, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Sequim)  
Rev. Laurie Stumme Diers, Pastor, Peace Lutheran Fellowship Church (Port Ludlow)  
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Stivers, Emeritus Professor of Religion, Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma)  
Rev. David Monsen, Board Certified Chaplain ELCA (Hoquiam)  
Rev. Dr. Garrett Starmer, BCC, St. Joseph's Medical Center (Tacoma)  
Rev. Elizabeth Stevens, Minister, Kitsap United Universalist Fellowship (Bremerton)  
Rev. Richard H Foege, Pastor Emeritus, Emmanuel Lutheran Church (Tacoma)  
Rev. Matt Gorman, Pastor, Shelton United Methodist Church (Shelton)  
Rev. Harlan Shoop, Retired PCUS (Tacoma)  
Rev. Earl V. Sakrison, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)  
Rev. Alvin E. Aosved, Retired UMC (Bremerton)  
Rev. Iver Haugen, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)  
Rev. Dr. Martin Neeb, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)  
Rev. Dr. Lyle G. Miller, Retired ELCA (Gig Harbor)  
Rev. Tad Monroe, Retired PCUS (Tacoma)  
Rev. Ron Tellefson, Retired ELCA (Gig Harbor)  
Rev. Scott W Rosekrans, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church (Port Hadlock)

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# APPENDIX C: What People Are Saying About Wild Olympics

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**Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Chairwoman, Frances Charles\***: “The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (“Lower Elwha”) strongly supports the proposed Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and appreciates Sen. Murray’s and Rep. Kilmer’s sponsorship of this important legislation. We believe that it represents a fair compromise between potentially competing interests of preservation, economic use, and recreation. This legislation creates 126,600 acres of new wilderness and nineteen new wild and scenic rivers designations in the Olympic National Forest, the Olympic National Park and Washington State Department of Natural Resource-managed land. For Lower Elwha, the most important aspect of these new designations is the increased protection for salmon habitat. And we appreciate that it expressly acknowledges the fundamental interests and expertise of all treaty tribes in the restoration of fish habitat. This is an important complement to our ongoing successes, along with our federal and State partners, in restoring Elwha River fisheries in the aftermath of dam removal.”

*\* Excerpt form letter submitted on 6/27/18*

**Quinault Indian Nation President Fawn Sharp**: “Our Tribe urges swift passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. As stated in the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission’s “Treaty Rights at Risk” report, “Salmon recovery is based on the crucial premise that we can protect what habitat remains while we restore previously degraded habitat conditions. Unfortunately, significant investments in recovery may not be realized because the rate of habitat loss continues to outpace restoration. The resulting net decline in habitat demonstrates the federal government’s failure to protect the Tribes’ treaty-reserved rights.” In an era where we are witnessing unprecedented rollbacks of environmental safeguards on federal public lands, the Wild Olympics legislation would permanently protect some of the healthiest, intact salmon habitat left on the Peninsula.”

*\* Excerpt form letter submitted on 8/28/18*

**Quileute Tribal Council Chairman Douglas Woodruff Jr.**: “The Quileute Tribe supports passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. It represents a well-crafted compromise that provides critical protections for fish and wild life habitat and water quality, while also respecting the treaty rights and management prerogatives of the Quileute Tribe. Protecting the best remaining habitat is imperative as tribal, state and federal governments and citizens throughout the Olympic region commit millions of dollars and incalculable volunteer hours to restoration activities in the face of declining salmon populations, fishing closures, threats to Orcas, and the impacts of climate change. The current version of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is a significant and vital step forward to “protect the best,” and the Quileute Tribe urges swift passage of this legislation.”

*\* Excerpt form letter submitted on 9/27/18*

**Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Chairman Ron Allen**: “As stated in the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission’s “Treaty Rights at Risk” report, “Salmon recovery is based on the crucial premise that we can protect what habitat remains while we restore previously degraded habitat conditions. Unfortunately, significant investments in recovery may not be realized because the rate of habitat loss continues to outpace restoration. The resulting net decline in habitat demonstrates the federal government’s failure to protect the Tribes’ treaty-reserved rights.” In an era where we are witnessing unprecedented rollbacks of environmental safeguards on federal public lands, the Wild Olympics legislation would permanently protect some of the healthiest, intact salmon habitat left on the Peninsula. It is our heritage and cultural principles to protect the lands and waters Nature provides, as well as the natural resources she sustains. Therefore, we do continue to support and urge swift passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.”

*\* Excerpt form letter submitted on 6/17/18*

**Bill Taylor, President of Taylor Shellfish Farms (Shelton)**: “Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer’s Wild Olympics legislation will help protect our state’s shellfish industry, including hundreds of shellfishing jobs in Hood Canal alone – and many more in related industries like processing, shipping, and sales. It protects the rivers and streams vital to the health of our hatcheries and to the health and restoration of Puget Sound. Our oyster beds depend on the clean, cold, silt-free water that drains off Olympic National Forest into Hood Canal. Protecting these watersheds allows our industry

to grow, expand and continue to benefit the economy and ecology of Washington State. We are grateful for their leadership.”

**Fred Rakevich, Retired logger and 49- year veteran of the timber industry (Elma):** “I am a retired logger who worked for fifty years in the timber industry. I have also fished and kayaked most of the major rivers in the Olympics. I was born and raised in Grays Harbor, but have traveled halfway around the world. In all my travels, nothing impressed me more than the natural beauty of the Olympic Mountain Range and the clear running waters that begin their journey flowing toward the lands below. Timber is and always will be part of the Olympic Peninsula’s proud heritage. But our ancient forests and wild rivers are the natural legacies we will leave to our children and grandchildren. Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer’s bill protects our natural heritage while respecting our timber heritage. I thank them for their thoughtful leadership, and future generations will thank them too.”

**State Representative Mike Chapman, 24th Legislative District (Port Angeles):** “I have been very excited about the economic & recreational opportunities Wild Olympics will bring to the Olympic Peninsula. With REI and Patagonia’s support, our corner of the world is now attracting visitors from all over. Wild Olympics is our future, for fresh air, clean water, pristine forests, and future generations!”

**Michelle Sandoval, Port Townsend Mayor (Port Townsend):** “This legislation will help permanently protect clean drinking water for local Peninsula communities. For example, one of the places proposed for Wilderness protection is in the Big Quilcene watershed, which filters the clean, cold drinking water for the city of Port Townsend. Protecting forests and rivers on federal lands upstream protects our investments in salmon habitat and water quality downstream. We are grateful for Representative Kilmer’s and Senator Murray’s help in protecting Port Townsend’s clean water.”

**Harriet Reyenga, Independent realtor for Windermere Real Estate (Port Angeles):** “The Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild & Scenic Rivers Act will protect and promote the same spectacular public lands and high quality of life that are helping to drive growth and create local jobs in real estate, construction, and many other sectors of our economy today. Our ancient forests, salmon, rivers, and amazing landscapes are the north Olympic Peninsula’s competitive economic advantage over other regions. We should do all we can to protect and promote these natural treasures. The Wild Olympics legislation will do both.”

**State Representative Steve Tharinger, 24th Legislative District (Sequim):** “It is easy to see and understand the ecological value of the Wild Olympics idea, conserving clean and free-flowing rivers, but what is sometimes missed is the economic value that maintaining places like Wild Olympics brings by attracting people to the special outdoors of the Olympic region. I want to thank REI and Patagonia for engaging local community leaders like myself to help design the map, and for recognizing that encouraging people to get out and enjoy the special places in the Wild Olympics proposal brings economic benefits to the communities I represent.”

**Mark and Desiree’ Dodson, Owners Westport Marina Cottages (Westport):** “We’re one of the hundreds of local Peninsula businesses backing Wild Olympics because it would protect & promote the same priceless natural treasures that are cornerstones of our economy. Our ancient temperate rainforests & wild rivers are iconic one-of-kind outdoor recreation destinations that draw visitors & new residents from around the world.”

**Douglas Scott, Owner of Exotic Hikes and The Outdoor Society (Hood Canal):** “Outside my door, the river, forests and mountains of the Olympic Peninsula beckon me to hike and climb. In the Northwest corner of the contiguous United States, far from the hustle and bustle of the big cities, our glacial-fed rivers, full of salmon and surrounded by majestic eagles constantly inspire millions of locals and visitors to the region. Each year, over four million outdoor recreation enthusiasts head to the region, hoping to find a slice of natural beauty in pristine forests and impossibly gorgeous river valleys. As an author, tour guide and advocate for the Olympic Peninsula, I have witnessed the importance of nature and outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to the support outdoor enthusiasts from all walks of life, passing the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act will help ensure that even more of the stunning scenery will be protected and accessible for all. I am proud to Support the Wild Olympics. Come visit and fall in love with the beauty of rainforests, wild rivers, and breathtaking adventures and you will too.”

**Dave Bailey, Past President of the Grey Wolf Fly Fishing Club in Sequim, WA & co-founder of Sportsmen for Wild Olympics:** “People think that because our salmon streams on Olympic National Forest appear as they’ve always been, that they are safe. Unfortunately, that’s the furthest thing from the truth. There are determined threats underway to roll back current safeguards and open these sensitive spawning streams to small hydropower development, industrial clear-cutting and more road building once more. That’s bad for fish, game, and sportsmen. This legislation is critical to preserve what we have.”

**Casey Weigel, Owner & Head Guide of Waters West Guide Service (Montesano) and member, of Sportsmen for Wild Olympics:** “Through hard work and our passion for our rivers and fishing, my wife and I have grown our small business enough to be able to help 3 other year-round and seasonal local guides support families, who love fishing just as much as we do. I support the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild & Scenic Rivers Act because our rivers and our salmon are our lifeblood and, without them, businesses like ours, the local jobs they support, and the dollars they bring into our local economy would dry up. The Wild Olympics proposal would simply make the current safeguards protecting our rivers on the Olympic National Forest permanent. That’s all it does. It doesn’t change access or cost timber jobs. And if it did, I wouldn’t support it, because my family works in the timber industry. There are many challenges facing our rivers and salmon, with lots of debate and millions of dollars spent trying to help restore clean water and habitat downstream. But one basic, simple piece of the foundation we can put in place now that won’t cost any of us anything, is to permanently protect the healthy habitat on the federal lands upstream against any misguided attempts to develop them in the future. That’s why I am a proud supporter of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. For Our Future.”

**Ashley Nichole Lewis, Bad Ash Fishing Guide Service (Tahola) and member, Sportsmen For Wild Olympics:** “Conservation for me on the Olympic Peninsula means that the next generation and generations to come can come out here and experience the way that I experience it and the way my grandpa experienced it when he fished out here and that forever we always have this – what is wild and what is the Olympic Peninsula and our culture today.”

**James Thomas, President & CEO Thermedia Corp/MasQs (Shelton):** “The Wild Olympics legislation would help protect the outstanding way of life that is an important reason people choose to live, work and play here in Mason County with the stunning backdrop of the Olympic Mountains in our backyard. The ancient forests, wild rivers and scenic beauty of the Olympics are the foundation of our high “Quality of Life” that attracts visitors, entrepreneurs, new residents and investment in our communities, strengthening our local economy. In fact, these spectacular public lands were the final determinant when I chose the Olympic Peninsula as the new home for my medical device manufacturing company. Ten years later my heart still sings when I round a corner or top a hill and the Olympics come into view. I applaud Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer for working to protect the Peninsula’s economic future.”

# APPENDIX D: Tribal Support Letters

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## 2020 Mid-Year Virtual Convention

### RESOLUTION #2020 - 21

#### “RESOLUTION OF PROTECTING NW RIVERS & STREAMS”

#### PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI is an inter-Tribal regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

**WHEREAS**, water is among the most sacred substances to ATNI member tribes, and the tribes utilized water in their aboriginal territory for religious, hunting and fishing, and sustenance purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, habitat degradation of ATNI members' aboriginal territory has caused significant declines in fish stocks, fishing closures, threats to Orcas and other aquatic animals; and

**WHEREAS**, this habitat degradation presents a clear and present danger to ATNI Tribes' livelihoods and traditions and shows the federal government's failure to protect the Tribes' treaty-reserved rights; and

**WHEREAS**, ATNI considers it critical to make every effort to preserve sacred, traditional, and ancestral, lands, waterways and fisheries; and

**WHEREAS**, there are hundreds of thousands of river miles in ATNI's region that do not enjoy federal Wild and Scenic River protections; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress created the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Wild and Scenic designations do not expand federal land, limit hunting or fishing, close any legally open roads or trails to vehicles, or affect access to or the use of private property; and

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation has been introduced to increase Wild and Scenic protections in Northern California (H.R.2250 - Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act); and

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation has been introduced to increase Wild and Scenic protections in the state of Washington (S.483/H.R.2642 - Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act); and

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation will be introduced to increase Wild and Scenic protections in the state of Oregon; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that ATNI supports passage of legislation that establishes additional Wild and Scenic designations as a means of preserving and protecting critical lands and waterways that are culturally, traditionally, and historically invaluable to ATNI Tribes and are critical to the future of the Pacific Northwest.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2020 Virtual Mid-Year Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Portland, Oregon, on June 30 – July 2, 2020, with a quorum present.



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Re: Support for Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Dear Senators Murray & Cantwell & Representative Kilmer:

I am writing to express the Quileute Tribe's support for passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as set forth in Senate Bill S. 483 and House Bill H.R. 1285. S. 483 and H.R. 1285 represent a well-crafted compromise that provides critical protections for fish and wildlife habitat and water quality, while also respecting the treaty rights and management prerogatives of the Quileute Tribe.

Through the Treaty of Olympia, the Quileute Tribe reserved the right of taking fish both on and off the reservation "at all usual and accustomed grounds and stations" and to hunt or gather on "open and unclaimed lands" within the treaty area, which extends hundreds of square miles beyond our current day reservation, and includes significant areas affected by both the wilderness and wild and scenic river designations proposed in the Wild Olympics legislation. As you are aware, the Quileute Tribe withheld support for previous versions of the Wild Olympics legislation (e.g., H.R. 5995 introduced by Congressman Dicks in 2012, and Senator Murray's 2013 draft companion bill), because those bills did not provide sufficient recognition and protection of tribal treaty rights and management prerogatives. Quileute's support for the current bills is contingent on the inclusion of the revisions to Section 6, and the new Sections 2(8) and 2(9), which appear to have been made in response to Quileute's comments on the 2012/2013 drafts.

Section 6 of S. 483 and H.R. 1285 now acknowledge that tribal treaty rights are rights “reserved” by the tribes, not granted to them by the United States. Section 6 also now provides that nothing in the Wild Olympics legislation alters, modifies, diminishes or extinguishes tribes’ cultural and religious rights in addition to our hunting, fishing and gathering rights.

The new Section 2(8) explicitly acknowledges that the Olympic Peninsula is home to 8 federally recognized Indian tribes. Even more importantly, the new Section 2(9) explicitly acknowledges the trust obligations of the Federal Government to Indian tribes, recognizes and encourages the critical role tribes play in efforts to restore and improve salmon populations and fish and wildlife habitat across the Olympic Peninsula, and recognizes the affirmation of tribal treaty rights by the federal courts in *United States v. Washington*, 384 F. Supp. 312 (W.D. Wash. 1974). These findings expressed in Section 2(9) are particularly important to Quileute because, in addition to affirming tribal rights to harvest salmon, *U.S. v. Washington* affirmed the status of the tribes as co-managers with the State of Washington of treaty-protected resources. The Quileute Tribe thus interprets Section 2(9) as a statement of intent that tribal co-management will be fully respected in the development, administration and implementation of any and all management plans and regulations for the new wilderness areas and wild and scenic rivers under 16 USC §1281, 16 USC §1284, and other relevant provisions of the Wilderness Act and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and that 16 USC §1284(f) (access to streams) and (g) (easements and rights-of-way) in particular apply to the tribes as well as to the State.

The Quileute Tribe is an active participant in the Coast Salmon Partnership and along with a wide range of interested parties that included federal, state, tribal and local government staff, NGO staff, and concerned citizens, helped develop the Partnership’s Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Plan (May 7, 2013). The Partnership’s motto, and the guiding principle of the Plan, is “protect the best, restore the rest.” Protecting the best remaining habitat is imperative as tribal, state and federal governments and citizens throughout the Olympic region commit millions of dollars and incalculable volunteer hours to restoration activities in the face of declining salmon populations, fishing closures, threats to Orcas, and the impacts of climate change. The current version of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is a significant and vital step forward to “protect the best,” and with the new provisions respecting tribal treaty rights and management prerogatives, the Quileute Tribe urges swift passage of S. 483 and H.R. 1285.

Sincerely,



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Our Tribe is aware that the Act enables recreational use of these lands. While we always have some concerns regarding possible overuse and/or misuse of these lands and river systems we believe it is important to provide outdoor education opportunities sensitive to the ecological nature of these lands and the preservation of habitat for indigenous fish, wildlife and plant species. The Act excludes USFS roads from the proposed wilderness and preserves access to roads and trails, as needed for both tribal and non-tribal citizens.

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We have provided supportive input to this Act in the past, and continue to seek cooperation with other governments, as well as all citizens who abide by all rules and regulations and are cognizant and supportive of Tribal culture, customary practices and management rights.

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Fawn R. Sharp, President  
Quinault Indian Nation



language we would not be able to support these bills regardless of their other benefits. We have reviewed the areas proposed for wilderness designation – most particularly the Gates of the Elwha Wilderness between Highway 101 and the boundary of Olympic National Park – and do not find any potential conflict with access for purposes of exercising treaty rights.

Lower Elwha appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important legislation and requests that we be advised of any hearings that may take place. If you have any questions or comments about our perspective on this legislation, please feel free to contact us promptly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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