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Chair
Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests & Mining
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
Ranking Member
Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests & Mining
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Barasso and Ranking Member Cortez Masto:

We are writing to submit official testimony in support of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (S. 1737) 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 worked with other local Olympic Peninsula citizens, Tribes, sportsmen, timber communities and other community leaders to establish new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River designations for these natural treasures through carefully-crafted compromise legislation. This effort initially included extensive on-the-ground outreach by Senator Murray and Representative Dicks, and then Representative Kilmer. The result was legislation that removed any currently viable timber base from the proposal to ensure no impact on existing timber jobs, as confirmed in a 2012 Timber Impact Study (See Appendix E) by the independent Forester Derek Churchill who is respected by both industry and conservation groups.

This collaborative, inclusive process and compromise proposal earned the legislation hi-profile local Bipartisan Support (APPENDIXES F, G & H) and the endorsement of prominent local Timber industry leaders (APPENDIX I), including Aberdeen Forest Products Consultant and Former Timber CEO Roy Nott who said in his July 10th 2019 testimony before the House Natural Resources Committee, "...I appreciate that Senator Murray and Rep Kilmer's final compromise proposal was scaled-back to ensure it would not impact current timber jobs." (APPENDIX J)

Wild Olympics Campaign Members include the following organizations:

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

Wild Olympics Legislation

The Wild Olympics legislation, as introduced by Senator Patty Murray and Representative Emily Randall, 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 approximately 125,000 acres of federal land managed by the Olympic National Forest as Wilderness. 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 Emily Randall, Representative Kilmer and former Representative Norm Dicks to create commonsense approach appropriate to the Olympic Peninsula. For more than five years prior to initial bill introduction and beyond 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, several significant adjustments were made to previous proposals resulting in the current balanced legislation that sits before your committee. The final proposal is a commonsense solution to permanently protect the 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 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 800 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 100 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 Senator Chapman and State Representatives Tharinger 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. Nearly 500 local businesses have endorsed the proposal including Taylor Shellfish, REI, Skokomish Farms, Sound Bikes and Kayak and Experience Olympic, LLC. 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 and Representatives Randall, Kilmer and 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 Randall.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Connie Gallant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Connie" and the last name "Gallant" clearly distinguishable.

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CC: Senator Patty Murray
Representative Emily Randall

APPENDIX A: Wild Olympics Campaign Petition Signers

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

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

Clallam County	
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
Subtotal:	2,552

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

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

Grays Harbor County	
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
Subtotal:	2,829

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

Kitsap County (6 CD)	
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
Subtotal:	2,400

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

Recreation Tags	
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
TOTAL:	11922

**Pro Wild Olympics signs in yards in
Aberdeen & Hoquiam (the two largest
cities in Grays Harbor County)**



Wild Olympics Campaign Endorsements

Total
Endorsements

802

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 (119)

WA State Senator Drew Hansen (Dist. 23)
WA State Representative Tarra Simmons (Dist. 23)
WA State Representative Greg Nance (D-23)
WA State Senator Mike Chapman (Dist.24)
WA State Representative Steve Tharinger (Dist.24)
W State Senator Deborah Krishnadsan (D-26)
WA State Representative Addison Richards (D-26)
Clallam County Commissioner Mike French
Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias
Jefferson County Commissioner Greg Brotherton
Jefferson County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour
Jefferson County Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette
Kitsap County Commissioner Christine Rolfes
Kitsap County Commissioner Katie Walters
Kitsap County Commissioner Oran Root
Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello
Aberdeen City Councilmember Joshua Francy
Bainbridge City Mayor Ashley Mathews
Bainbridge Island City Council Member Kristen Hytopoulos
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Jon Quitslund
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Clarence Moriwaki
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Joe Deets
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Leslie Schneider
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Brenda Fantroy-Johnson
Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler
Bremerton City Councilmember Jeff Coughlin
Bremerton City Councilmember Jane Rebelowski
Bremerton City Councilmember Denise Frey
Bremerton City Councilmember Michael Goodnow
Bremerton City Councilmember Anna Mockler
Hoquiam City Councilmember Brenda Carlstrom
Hoquiam City Councilmember Denise Anderson
Hoquiam City Councilmember Steven Puvogel
Ocean Shores City Councilmember Richard Wills
Port Angeles Mayor Kate Dexter
Port Angeles City Councilmember Navarra Carr
Port Angeles City Councilmember Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin
Port Angeles City Councilmember LaTrisha Suggs
Port Angeles City Councilmember Drew Schwab
Port Orchard City Councilmember Fred Chang
Port Orchard City Councilmember Jay Rosapepe
Port Townsend Mayor David J. Faber
Port Townsend City Councilmember Aislinn Diamanti-Palmer
Port Townsend City Councilmember Amy Howard
Port Townsend City Councilmember Monica MickHager

Port Townsend City Councilmember Ben Thomas
Port Townsend City Councilmember Libby Urner Wennstrom
Port Townsend City Councilmember Owen Rowe
Port Townsend City Councilmember Neil Nelson
Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson
Poulsbo City Councilmember Ed Stern
Sequim City Councilmember Rachel Anderson
Sequim City Councilmember Vicki Lowe
Sequim City Councilmember Kelly Berger
Westport Mayor Ed Welter
Westport City Council Member Troy Meyers
Westport City Councilmember Louis Summers
Westport City Councilmember Melissa Huerta
Former WA Governor Jay Inslee
Former WA Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Kathleen Kler
Former Jefferson County Commissioner David Sullivan
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Larry Dennison
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Kate Dean
Former Kitsap County Commissioner Josh Brown
Former Kitsap County Commissioner Robert Gelder
Former Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
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 Aberdeen Mayor Eric Larsen
Former Aberdeen City Council Member Tiesa Meskis
Former Aberdeen City Councilmember Jeff Cook
Former Aberdeen City Councilmember Alan Richrod
Former Aberdeen City Councilmember Frank Gordon
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 Leslie Daus
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Roy Runyon
Former Bremerton City Council President Jim McDonald
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Faye Flemister
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Nick Wofford
Former Hoquiam Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff
Former Ocean Shores Mayor Jon Martin
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Kathryn L. Sprigg
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 Angeles City Councilmember Charlie McCaughan
Former Port Angeles City Councilmember Brendan Meyer
Former Port of Port Townsend Commissioner Brad Clinefelter
Former Port of Seattle Commissioner Bill Bryant
Former Port Townsend Mayor Michelle Sandoval
Former Port Townsend Mayor Deborah Stinson
Former Port Townsend City Councilmember Ariel Speser
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 Councilmember Lowell Rathburn
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 Westport City Councilmember Desiree Dodson

Tribal Nations (5)

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

Hunting & Fishing Interests (39)

ABLE Guide Service (Sekiu)
Anadromy Fly-Fishing Guide Service (Forks)
Angler's Obsession (Forks)
Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Bad Ash Fishing Guide Service (Taholah)
Beaver Valley General Store (Port Ludlow)
Bob's Piscatorial Pursuits (Forks)
Brazada's Fly Fishing
Cheeky Fishing
Coastal Cutthroat Coalition (Belfair)
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)
Intrepid Anglers

Little Stone Flyfisher (Port Townsend)
Mike Z's Guide Service (Forks)
Moldychum
Norrie Johnson Guide Service (Sequim)
North Sound Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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)
Puget Sound Fly Fishers (Tacoma)
RepYourWater
Sage Fly Rods (Bainbridge Island)
Sea Run Pursuits
Sportsmen for Wild Olympics (Aberdeen)
The Grey Drake
Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Washington Council of Trout Unlimited
Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers International
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 (64)

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
 Citizens for A Clean Harbor (Montesano)
 Conservation Northwest
 Defenders of Wildlife
 Fish Not Gold
 Friends of Grays Harbor (Westport)
 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)
 KGHI and KGHE Community Radio (Westport)
 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 Park Associates (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
 Seattle Aquarium
 Sierra Club Washington Chapter
 Tahoma Audubon Society (University Place)
 The Grays Harbor Institute (Westport)
 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 (465)

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 (26)

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)
 Lost Mountain Tree Farm (Sequim)
 Midori Farm (Quilcene)
 Mockingbird Farm (Port Angeles)
 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)
 Wobbly Cart Farm (Rochester)

Outdoor Industry Business (66)

A Moment in Brine (Lummi Island)
Adventures Through Kayaking (Port Angeles)
American Alpine Institute
Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA)
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)
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)
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
MiiR
Morningstar Balloon Company (Sequim)
Nikwax NA
North Coast Surf Inc. (Ocean Shores)
Northwest River Supplies
Old Town Bicycle Inc. (Gig Harbor)
Olympic Bike & Skate (Port Orchard)
Olympic Hiking Company (Port Angeles)
Olympic Kayak Tours (Port Hadlock)
Olympic Outdoor Center (Port Gamble)
Outdoor Research
Patagonia
Perpetual Motion NW
Port Townsend Cyclery (Port Townsend)
Poulsbo Running (Poulsbo)
Pygmy Sea Kayaks (Port Townsend)
REI Coop
Ruffwear
Runner Girl Races, LLC
Sail Port Townsend (Port Townsend)
Salty Girls Charters (Sequim)
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 (365)

123 Thai Food (Port Townsend)
1851 (Port Townsend)
2 Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant (Union)
3rd Act Magazine/Oshi Publishing (Brinnon)
5th Avenue Furniture (Sequim)
A Fine Line Press (Clallam Bay)
A Kitchen That Works (Bainbridge Island)
A1 Auto Parts (Sequim)
Action Built Construction (Port Angeles)
AlanHil Graphics (Aberdeen)
Alba Creative (Port Townsend)
Alchemy Bistro (Port Townsend)
Alder Wood Bistro (Sequim)
Alpenfire Orchards (Port Townsend)
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)
Bainbridge Island Brewing (Bainbridge Island)
Baja Cantina (Sequim)
Bay City Sausage Market (Aberdeen)
Bay Gifts (Ocean Shores)
Baymont Inn & Suites (Bremerton)
Bazaars Girls Yarn Shop (Port Townsend)
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 Moose Café (Port Townsend)

Blue Whole Gallery (Sequim)
Bottle Zone (Port Townsend)
Bowman Financial Group (Shelton)
Brady's Oysters (Aberdeen)
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)
Canalside Gifts & Liquors (Hoodsport)
Captian Lee, LLC (Union)
Carol Wise, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)
Cellar Door (Port Townsend)
Cheema Market (McCleary)
Cherry Blossom (Port Townsend)
Chirp & Company (Tacoma)
Chrey Fine Jewelry (Bremerton)
CKorbolic Photography (Port Angeles)
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)
Collective Visions Gallery (Bremerton)
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)
Creeside Inn (Hoodsport)
Cucina Pizza (Port Ludlow)
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)
EcoCentric Awareness (Port Townsend)
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)
Finestre (Port Townsend)
Food Coop (Port Townsend)
Forensic Accounting Consulting (Quilcene)
Forest Aldrich, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)
Forest Gems (Port Townsend)
Frameworks (Port Townsend)
Fresh Market (Ocean Shores)
Full Moon Candle (Sequim)
Fusions Art Gallery (Ocean Shores)
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)
GLADATROLL (Port Angeles)
Glamour Girl Salon (Port Townsend)
Gnarley Dog Farm (Quilcene)
Goin' to the Dogs (Sequim)
Gourmet Burger Shop (Gig Harbor)
Grain (Bainbridge Island)
Grays Harbor Dance (Hoquiam)
Green Eyeshade (Port Townsend)
Harbinger Winery (Port Angeles)
Harbor Books (Hoquiam)
Harbor Medical Collective (Sequim)
Harborwood Designs (Montesano)
Harriet Reyenga – Realtor (Port Angeles)
High Tide Body Art (Ocean Shores)
Hillbottom pie (Port Townsend)
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)
Howell's Sandwiches (Port Townsend)
Hoquiam Liquor Store (Hoquiam)
House of Fawn (Port Townsend)

Hurricane Coffee Company (Sequim)
Imprint Bookstore (Port Townsend)
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)
Jiminez Produce (Ocean Shores)
JK Treasures (Belfair)
JLS Partners LLC (Hoquiam)
Joglo (Port Townsend)
Jose's Famous Salsa (Sequim)
K & R Store (Union)
Kalma (Port Townsend)
Karen's Quilt Shop (Sequim)
Kathy Wilson, Life Purpose Coach (Port Ludlow)
Kaydee Duncan, Realtor (Sequim)
La Belle Creperie (Port Angeles)
Ladies & Gents Barbershop (Elma)
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)
Martin Bruni Liquor (Ocean Shores)
McGovran Management Group (Port Ludlow)
McPhee's Grocery (Port Angeles)
Metro Bagels (Port Townsend)
Mezzaluna Lounge (Port Townsend)

Michael David Ward Productions (Port Townsend)
Mighty Pine Brewing Company (Port Angeles)
Mike's Beach Resort on Hood Canal (Lilliwaup)
MK Appraisal (Port Townsend)
Mom's Laundromat (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 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)
Ocean Companies (Westport)
Ocean Shores Boathouse (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 Axe Throwing LLC (Ocean Shores)
Olympic Inn (Aberdeen)
Olympic Lavender (Sequim)
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)
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)
Printery Communications (Port Townsend)
Propolis Brewing (Port Townsend)
Psychic Intuitions (Belfair)
PT Adventure School (Port Townsend)
PT Shirt Company (Port Townsend)
PTeRider (Port Townsend)
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)
Redfern Consultants, Inc. (Port Townsend)
Rest-A-While RV Park (Hoodsport)
Rick Brown – Realtor (Sequim)
Ridgewalker Photography (Carlsborg)
ROHgraphics (Port Townsend)
Rose's Taqueria (Hoquiam)
Roy Nott, Business Leader (Hoquiam)
Russell Johnson Photography (Port Townsend)
RV Consumer Group (Quilcene)
Sacred Flow Healing Arts (Port Ludlow)
Salon DeLucca (Port Townsend)
San Juan Classic Day Sailing (Port Townsend)
Sea Cliff Gardens Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)
Sea J's Café (Port Townsend)
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)
Silverwater Café (Port Townsend)
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)
Strait Slice Pizza (Port Angeles)
Studio 125 Salon (Shelton)
Summer house Design (Port Townsend)
Sunrise Meats (Port Angeles)
Sunset Marine Resort (Sequim)
Super 8 Motel (Port Angeles)
Super Natural NW (Belfair)
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 Printery (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)
Thomas Meyer, LMP, CranioSacral Practitioner (Quilcene)
Tops Motel (Hoquiam)
Townsend Electric (Port Townsend)
True Tech Home Inspection LLC (Belfair)
Tsunami Gems & Beads (Ocean Shores)
Turning Leaf Physical Therapy (Gig Harbor)
Twice As Nice Treasures (Belfair)
Unorthoblox, LLC (Humtulsips)
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)
 Westside Pizza (Port Angeles)
 Westside Pizza (Shelton)
 What's Cooking (Port Townsend)
 White Crane Martial Arts (Port Angeles)
 Whitney Gardens (Brinnon)
 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)

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 Bishop Grant Hagiya, Pacific Northwest Conference of Methodists
 Executive Presbyter Keith Tanis, Presbytery of Olympia
 Former Executive Presbyter Corey Schlosser-Hall, North Puget Sound Presbytery
 Conference Minister Michael Denton, Pacific NW Conference, The United Church of Christ
 Former 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
 Former Executive Director LeeAnne Beres, 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 (SEP) (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)

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Rev. Rebecca Shjerven, Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows (Tacoma)

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Rev. Alvin E. Aosved, Retired UMC (Bremerton)

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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

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*

Aberdeen Forest Products Consultant and Former Timber CEO Roy Nott said in his July 10th 2019 testimony before the House Natural Resources Committee, “My own experience as a CEO and Entrepreneur is that our area’s natural treasures- which provide world-class outdoor recreation, clean water and our area’s high quality of living- are what give us a competitive edge over other regions in attracting and retaining the talented people new companies require. Wilderness and wild and scenic river protections would help protect and grow the local jobs that depend on our ability to compete for talent against other regions, and they would enhance our recruitment efforts as we work to

grow new businesses in the future. And as a former Timber Industry Executive, I appreciate that Senator Murray and Rep Kilmer's final compromise proposal was scaled-back to ensure it would not impact current timber jobs."

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 Senator 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, Former 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



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.



Leonard Forsman, President



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Woodruff, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Woodruff, Jr., Chairman
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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
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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,



Frances G. Charles, Chairwoman
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W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chair/CEO

APPENDIX E: WOC Timber Analysis (Stewardship Forestry)

Analysis of Impacts to the Olympic National Forest Timber Base from the Wild Olympics Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (H.R. 5995; S. 3329)

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Summary

The purpose of this report is to determine what effect the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act introduced by Congressman Dicks and Senator Murray in June 2012 would have on the timber base of the Olympic National Forest (ONF). This report is an update to a similar report issued in February 2012, and reflects the revised proposed wilderness boundaries in the legislation as introduced. The report provides an objective third party analysis of the number of potentially harvestable acres affected by the draft wilderness proposal and compares this to the total ONF timber base and current harvest rates. Proposed Wild and Scenic River designations were not included as current ONF harvest practices are permitted within Wild and Scenic corridors¹. Potential wilderness acres were also not considered as these acres would not immediately or necessarily be designated as wilderness. Suitable acres within potential wilderness may be thinned before any future designation.

The estimated total number of acres removed from the timber base by the wilderness proposal is 882 assuming ground and cable-based yarding methods (Table 1). This amounts to 0.5% of the total timber base of the Olympic National Forest that is accessible by cable and ground-based yarding. If helicopter yarding is assumed in addition, an estimated 1,742 acres (in total) are removed, which equates to 0.8% of the total timber base. Helicopter yarding will not likely be feasible on timber sales sold during periods with low to moderate timber prices due to its high cost, especially with continuing high fuel prices.

Table 1: Timber base acres in the entire Olympic National Forest and the proposed wilderness additions. Sequential acreage reductions are shown for current management screens used by the Olympic National Forest.

Sequential Screens	Olympic National Forest		Wilderness Proposal	
	Timber Base Acres	Acres Removed	Timber Base Acres	Acres Removed
Total LSR & AMA	543,734		126,660	
1. Remove Inventoried Roadless within LSR & AMA	452,109	-91,625	48,540	-78,120
2. Remove stands in LSR >80 years & AMA >140 years	267,198	-184,911	6,062	-42,478
3. Remove acres in unsuitable vegetation types	266,503	-695	5,757	-305
4. Remove acres in no-harvest riparian buffers	226,868	-39,635	4,535	-1,222 ^a
5. Remove acres beyond maximum helicopter yarding distance (1/2 mile from roads)	225,664	-1,204	1,742	-2,793
6. Remove acres beyond maximum ground and cable yarding distance (1400 ft. from roads)	190,928	-34,736	882	-860
^a At this stage of the GIS analysis, small "slivers" of suitable acres were removed. These slivers are artifacts of boundary inconsistency between GIS layers, and do not represent actual stands that could be treated. A total of 466 acres were removed.				

Since the adoption of the NW Forest Plan, the ONF has conducted commercial thinning operations on an estimated average of 1,350 acres per year², or less than 1% of the current timber base. Approximately 60% of the timber base is in Late Successional Reserve (LSR) where harvests are restricted to stands less than 81 years of age³. The remaining acres are in Adaptive Management areas where harvests are generally avoided in stands older than 140 years³. Almost all harvests on the ONF are thinning sales designed to enhance habitat and old growth characteristics. Under current treatment rates, the ONF will not be able to treat all available acres before stands grow past 80 or 140 years, let alone conduct additional thinning entries in stands that have already been thinned. Under current policies, the limiting factor to the long term timber supply on the ONF is the rate of treatment not the number of available acres. The Olympic National Forest could significantly increase the current rate of harvesting by focusing on suitable acres outside of the proposed Wilderness for the next 50 years. The proposed wilderness within the Wild Olympics legislation will not limit timber supply under the current management policy framework, and thus should not result in reduced harvesting or job losses.

Methodology

The analysis applied management screens currently used to determine suitable harvest acres by the ONF. The screens are based on mandated requirements and current management practices on the ONF, as well as operational limitations of commonly used harvesting technology for thinning. Table 1 shows the acreage reductions of these screens applied in a sequential manner. The screens are described below:

1. Inventoried Roadless Areas: No road building or thinning is allowed as mandated under the current Roadless Area Rule.
2. Age & Access Limitations: All stands over 80 years age in LSR and over 140 years age in Adaptive Management Areas were removed.
3. High elevation stands: These vegetation types are unlikely to be managed on the ONF and thus were eliminated. These include sub-alpine fir forest, mountain hemlock forest, and alpine park land.
4. No-cut riparian buffers: All streams and other riparian areas are given no-cut buffers on ONF timber sales⁴. It is unlikely that this practice will change given that protection of riparian areas is mandated in the NW Forest Plan. No-cut buffers of 100' for fish bearing streams and 75' for non-fish bearing streams were removed based on past ONF projects.
5. Helicopter yarding external distance: All acres beyond a ½ mile maximum external yarding distance from Forest Service system roads were removed to account for potential helicopter yarding⁵. Longer distances are possible, but are rarely economically viable given the decline in production rates and small volumes per acre removed in thinning sales.
6. Cable and ground based logging external distance: A maximum distance of 1,400' from Forest System roads was used to remove acres not accessible by ground or cable yarding technology. Again, longer distances are possible but rarely economically feasible. No distinction was made between uphill and downhill yarding to keep the analysis straightforward. As 1,400' is a high estimate of maximum external yarding distance for ground based yarding and downhill cable yarding, there are likely considerable acres within this 1,400' that will not be thinned. The ONF does construct short temporary roads to improve access, but these are not likely to increase the total number of net available acres beyond the total derived from using the 1,400' cutoff.

The six screens were general rules that could be applied in an objective manner across the whole ONF in a straightforward manner. However, additional acres are commonly removed in the ONF timber sale projects due to site-specific analysis of unstable slopes, special habitat areas, logging system constraints, areas of low stocking, and the need for additional no-thin area to create variability. Thus, the actual harvest acres removed by the proposed wilderness additions will be an estimated 10-25% less when timber sale projects are laid out on the ground, based on my professional experience with projects on the ONF and other National Forests. However, the boundaries of the proposed wilderness make some of the units that are not in the proposal too small to be economically viable. Due to the site specific nature of the additional acres that should be both removed and added to the number of harvest acres affected by the proposal, no attempt was made to quantify these acres in this report.

The analysis for this report used National Forest GIS layers for age class, management allocation (LSR, AMA), vegetation zones, roads, and inventoried roadless areas. For streams, the statewide hydro layer from the WA Department of Natural Resources was used because it classifies whether streams are fish bearing, while the ONF stream layer does not. The buffers generated from this DNR layer were checked against a layer of the full Riparian Reserve layer from the ONF. The buffers were 33% of the total acres in Riparian Reserves which fits the common rule of thumb to place 1/3rd of Riparian Reserves in no-cut buffers. All analysis was conducted using ArcGIS 10.0. Slight variation in results due to different GIS methodologies may result if this analysis is re-run.

Notes and References

¹ USDA Forest Service 2009 *West Fork Humptulips Environmental Assessment*. Olympic National Forest.

² The ONF has sold an average of 16.9 million board feet per year over the last ten years (2002-2011).

This equates to roughly 1,350 acres per year assuming an average of 12,500/ acre removal. Source: FOIA request to Olympic National Forest (available upon request).

³ The following documents guide and summarize current management practices on the ONF.

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⁴ Taken from a selection of recent ONF environmental assessments: *West Fork Humptulips Environmental Assessment (2009)*; *Jackson Thinning Environmental Assessment (2008)*; *Bear Creek Saddle Environmental Assessment (2005)*; *Matheny South Environmental Assessment (2001)*; *Two Y Thin Environmental Assessment (1998)*

⁵ Personal communication with Loren Kellogg, Professor of Forest Engineering. College of Forestry. Oregon State University.

APPENDIX F: Tacoma News Tribune Pro Wild Olympics OPED from Republican Bill Bryant



OPINION

Republicans once championed wilderness protection. They should do it again

| Opinion BY BILL BRYANT JANUARY 11, 2023

When Congress adjourned before Christmas, an opportunity to pass the Wild Olympics initiative slipped away from us, our grandchildren and our grandchildren's grandchildren.

Wild Olympics is a Congressional bill that reclassifies over 125,000 acres of Olympic National Forest as wilderness and protects 19 rivers that rush from Olympic peaks. These federal forest acres and the rivers running through them abut the Olympic National Park and existing wilderness land.



Protecting these acres and rivers continues what Republican President Theodore Roosevelt began 113 years ago when he created the Mount Olympus National Monument. His Democratic successor President Wilson halved that monument. Theodore's cousin, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, also a Democrat, restored the monument's original acreage, added to it and had the area designated a national park.

In the 1970s, Washington's Republican Governor Dan Evans and Democratic Senator Henry Jackson added coastline to the park. During the Reagan administration, Congress transferred acres of national forest land surrounding the Olympic National Park to wilderness, but some old-growth forests, carbon-sequestering habitat, scenic areas, migratory corridors, salmon streams and wild rivers were left out.

Last month, Congress could have passed Wild Olympics, correcting those omissions, but time ran out, and it didn't.

This new Congress should seize the momentum behind the Wild Olympics bill, and quickly pass it.

Sadly, some people might be surprised a Republican supports expanding wilderness protection and understandably question whether the new Republican House will support expanding wilderness land. Both sentiments reveal how far the Republican party has strayed from its roots.

When I was growing up on the toes and knees of the Olympic Mountains, Republicans strongly embraced the environmental agenda even more than many Democrats. National Republicans supported the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act. Republicans created the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency and created national marine sanctuaries, such as the one off our Olympic Peninsula's coast. Republicans worked internationally to reduce acid rain and reverse a thinning ozone layer. Theodore Roosevelt's example of doing what will benefit generations unborn and the Republicans' environmental leadership of the 1970s shaped my political psyche.

In the 1980s, Washington Republican congressmen Sid Morrison and Joel Pritchard worked alongside their Democratic colleagues to expand wilderness in Washington state, as did Republican Congressman Dave Reichert only a decade ago. Republicans understood conservatives preserve.

Unfortunately, today, too many who identify as Republicans embrace policies that favor short-term jobs and a few quick bucks. That's not conservative. The bedrock schist of conservatism is preserving what cannot be replaced, such as the Olympic Peninsula's forests and rivers.

The federal acres that Wild Olympics bill would designate as wilderness do not contain any viable timber under current U.S. Forest Service safeguards and land management practices, so no existing timber jobs would be lost. The new wilderness acres would not limit any existing truck or snowmobile access. At the same time, since the Wild Olympics bill would preserve habitat and free-flowing rivers, it would enhance recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, camping and hiking while boosting outdoor-related businesses and jobs.

That builds a compelling case to pass this legislation. But if we are to save the West for those who will be here 113 years from now, we cannot base every land-use decision on how it affects us today. Instead, we must be guided by the values Theodore Roosevelt championed — values that express an understanding our dominion over the earth is a responsibility, not a license.

In living those values, we'll pivot away from a vulgar age of ego and hubris, and humble ourselves before both Creator and creation. If we embrace this humility and honor our responsibility, kids in 2136 will know, as I did growing up in Hoodspoint in the 1960s, a reverence for forests that rise to snow chutes reaching to frosty crags. They'll feel awe for rivers that crash frenzied with the fuel of storms and snowmelt; will connect with the flora and fauna that provide us with food, fresh air, a nurturing climate and abundant sweet water.

Right now, Congressional Republicans and Democrats need to pass the Wild Olympics bill.

Going forward, all of us need to embrace a relationship with the West's remaining open space that is grounded in humility, wonder and responsibility to steward for those who follow.

Doing so would transcend the need for future one-off legislative victories.

Bill Bryant, who served on the Seattle Port Commission from 2008-16, ran against Jay Inslee as the Republican nominee in Washington's 2016 governor's race.

APPENDIX G: Seattle Times Pro Wild Olympics OPED from Republican Ralph Munro

The Seattle Times



December 28, 2012

Op-ed: Protect the Olympic Peninsula with the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

By [Ralph Munro](#)

Special to The Times

HAPPILY, the 2012 election is over, as it seemed especially polarizing, focusing far more on our disagreements than what we have in common. Now we need to put differences aside and find a way to collectively move forward.

One thing that has long brought Washingtonians together is a shared appreciation for our spectacular public lands. Throughout our history, Republicans and Democrats in our congressional delegation have set aside partisan disputes to protect places like the Glacier Peak Wilderness in 1964, Alpine Lakes Wilderness in 1976, Glacier Peak Wilderness in 1964, Olympic National Park Wilderness in 1988, and the Wild Sky Wilderness in 2008.

We have another key opportunity to come together to protect the Olympic Peninsula with legislation pending in Congress.

Washington's priceless natural treasures are cornerstones of our economy. These public lands attract residents, investors and businesses in record numbers — drawn by our stunning scenery, world-class outdoor recreation and high quality of life.

In the past two decades, our population grew 56 percent faster than the nation as a whole, adding nearly 2 million people, creating jobs and growing our economy. Our outdoor-recreation industry alone supports an estimated 115,000 jobs and contributes \$11.7 billion annually to our state.

But this rapid growth also brings more development, sprawl and loss of open space. That's why designating new wilderness is more important than ever. And no place is more deserving than the magnificent Olympic Peninsula — a crown jewel of Washington's natural heritage and a place I hold dear having grown up hiking and fishing there.

But a century of clear-cut logging and development resulted in the loss of most of our towering old-growth forests. We owe it to future generations to protect what remains of these rare, ancient rain forests and free-flowing rivers.

That's why I enthusiastically support the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, introduced by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash, and U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Bremerton. It protects more than

126,000 acres of new wilderness on the Olympic National Forest and 19 of the peninsula's iconic rivers as "wild" and "scenic," forever safeguarding old-growth forests and waterways from dams and development.

The legislation is a marvel of civic involvement, compromise and accommodation. In an unprecedented nod to local communities, the lawmakers conducted their multiyear public process almost exclusively within the four counties of the peninsula, giving everyday citizens a major voice in shaping the legislation.

The inclusive process brought former adversaries together. Backed by both conservationists and representatives of the timber industry, the plan provides permanent, durable protection for ancient forests and rivers while ensuring no timber jobs are lost.

It affects only areas on Olympic National Forest already off-limits to logging under current Forest Service rules, making these safeguards permanent. This compromise earned the endorsement of a Port Angeles timber company and praise for the process by a mill in Cosmopolis.

Miles of backcountry hiking trails, access to popular mountain-bike trails and river access were protected, earning support from outdoor businesses and recreation groups like American Whitewater, The Mountaineers and Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance.

Our congressional representatives collaborated with local sportsmen to ensure not a single mile of road was closed by the proposal. Those of us who rely on roads for access to the peninsula will still be able to drive to any place on the Olympic National Forest we can today.

As a result, 20 local and regional hunting and fishing organizations support Wild Olympics, including Washington Wildlife Federation, Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Isaak Walton League and Trout Unlimited. It is backed by more than 200 Olympic and Kitsap Peninsula businesses, including Taylor Shellfish, and elected officials from both parties.

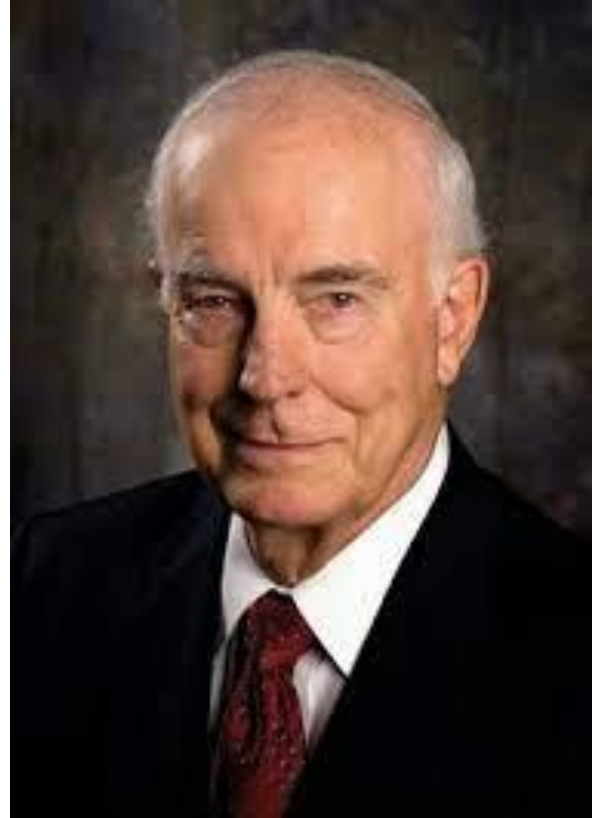
It's time to focus on the values we have in common, including Washington's priceless backcountry lands, and our wilderness.

The Wild Olympics legislation represents our common ground. It is my hope that it becomes law soon, as a gift to future generations.

Ralph Munro, a Republican, served as Washington secretary of state from 1980 to 2001.

APPENDIX H: Pro Wild Olympics Endorsement by Republican Daniel J. Evans

“The Olympic Peninsula is my favorite landscape in the state and I am happy to support the efforts of the Wild Olympics Campaign. Their local outreach efforts have resulted in legislation that would add to the Wilderness areas on Olympic National Forest designated 30 years ago and protect the first ever Wild & Scenic Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. The Wild Olympics bill has also taken great care to preserve and enhance recreational access to the areas it is protecting. By not impacting access roads or trailheads, it will retain access and highlight these wild places to individuals who are likely to be active supporters of protecting the wilderness experience.”*



Republican Former Washington U.S. Senator and Washington Governor Daniel J. Evans

** From a guest voices column, entitled “Protecting Washington’s Wilderness Legacy” published in the Fall 2016 issue of Washington Wild’s newsletter.*

APPENDIX I: Peninsula Daily News Article on Wild Olympics Proposal Development



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Concession made in Wild Olympics wilderness plan

PORT ANGELES – In a major concession to the forest industry, the Wild Olympics Campaign is accepting the elimination of a "willing-buyer, willing-seller" provision of a land and scenic preservation plan – originally generated by the group – that would have allowed privately owned land to be absorbed into Olympic National Park, group organizer Connie Gallant of Quilcene said.

"It is a big deal," Gallant said of the proposal by U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Bothell, and U.S. Rep. Norm Dicks, a Belfair Democrat whose 6th Congressional District includes Clallam and Jefferson counties.

"We were really hoping that it would go through, and it didn't, but we're very, very happy that the Murray-Dicks version did not really change much in the wilderness and scenic rivers" provisions of the plan, she said. Under the willing-seller, willing-buyer arrangement, the 922,000-acre park – 1,440 square miles – could have purchased up to 20,000 acres, or 30 square miles, of privately owned land outside the park only if a land owner was willing to sell it. It would have allowed the nation's 13th largest national park to skirt the current legal requirement that the park can now expand its borders only by an act of Congress.

The provision was at the heart of a similar proposal by Wild Olympics on which the Dicks-Murray plan is based, Gallant said.

Now, the Wild Olympics plan is "pretty much off the table," she said. "We have to accept what they have put forth. We don't know whether there's any room down the road for any additional concessions, but as it stands now, we're happy with their proposal."

Dicks' aide Sara Crumb announced the provision's demise as part of the Murray-Dicks plan Thursday at the 2012 Washington State Society of American Foresters' annual meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in Port Angeles. In an interview at the conference, she said the revised plan should be drafted as legislation and go before Congress by the end of the year.

Dicks is retiring from office this year after 18 terms.

The Dicks-Murray proposal is similar to the Wild Olympics proposal in the following ways:

- It designates as wilderness 130,000 acres of Olympic National Forest – 200 square miles – that encircle the park, which would make trees on that acreage unharvestable.
- It designates 23 river systems within the park and the national forest as "wild and scenic," which allows recreational uses to continue and protects the river systems through voluntary stewardship and federal, state, local and tribal regulations.

"Those two components are equally important," Gallant said of the remaining provisions. "When I say the park addition was at the heart, it was kind of the driving force for us, but the other two components are at the same level."

Elimination of the willing-seller, willing-buyer provision from the Dicks-Murray proposal was a big enough deal to Norm Schaaf, vice president of Merrill & Ring, a North Olympic Peninsula timber and land management company, that Schaaf publicly announced his support of the revised plan at the conference.

"Personally, I can support this," he said in an interview. The willing-buyer, willing-seller plan "would have created expectations in customers that there could be reductions in valuable forest timber supply," Schaaf said.

He praised Murray and Dicks "for considering the concerns we brought forward and for coming up with what we believe is a reasonable compromise solution."

Three timber companies – Green Crow Corp., Rayonier Inc. and Merrill & Ring Inc. – were the major private landowners affected by the willing-buyer, willing-seller proposal.

"We are trying to grow our land base," Schaaf said. "Merrill & Ring is trying to expand, not shrink."

Schaaf added that the acreage that would be designated as wilderness and taken out of timber production "would not have any significant reduction in timber harvest from what it is currently."

Wild Olympics Coalition member Jim Gift of Sequim, the conservation chair for the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society and a panel member at the foresters' conference, said in an interview that he expects some coalition members will be disappointed at the concession.

"The way we approached it is, [the preservation plan] should not be a threat to the timber industry," Gift said. Carol Johnson, executive director of the North Olympic Timber Action Committee, which opposed the Wild Olympics plan, said the willing-buyer, willing-seller provision "was a huge issue" for the North Olympic Peninsula timber industry.

Johnson would not comment on whether its elimination was enough to make the Timber Action Committee support the Murray-Dicks proposal because she had not read it, she said.

Elimination of the willing-buyer, willing-seller provision means Olympic National Park must rely on an act of Congress if it is to expand its boundaries but can still utilize that process for purchasing private property within park boundaries, park spokeswoman Barb Maynes said Friday. She could not comment on the provision's elimination from the Dicks-Murray proposal because she hadn't reviewed it, she said.

"Our standing policy is that the park only acquires land through a willing-seller, willing-buyer arrangement," Maynes added.

"That's been our policy for many years."

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APPENDIX J: Pro Wild Olympics Testimony by Roy Nott 7/10/19 to the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee

Testimony of-

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Legislative Hearing on H.R. 2642, ‘The Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act’**

July 10, 2019

Growing up in Pacific County in the 50’s and early 60’s, my future career path was pretty clear. I knew I would work in the timber industry. The son and grandson of Pacific County loggers, I was proud to take one of the abundant and comparatively well-paid jobs in the timber industry after I finished studying forest engineering in college and then graduated from the Yale School of Forestry. I wanted to stay close to home and, like my friends and family, I couldn't imagine working indoors. The work let me continue to enjoy the forests and streams where I had hiked, camped, hunted and fished when I was a youngster. During a long stint with ITT Rayonier, I developed the company’s northwest forest business plan and managed its timberlands operations in Forks.

Corporate career advancement often requires moves so, eventually, my family and I were asked to move to the south and then to the northeast. It was all very interesting but we missed our family and friends and the forests back home. So, in 1993, I returned with a much greater appreciation for the Olympic Peninsula’s remaining virgin forests & salmon streams. Not just as a draw for tourists but also a residential draw for entrepreneurs and forest-lovers like myself and my family. That renewed appreciation is also what prompted me to be an early advocate for new Wild Olympics legislation.

My own experience as a CEO and Entrepreneur is that our area’s natural treasures- which provide world-class outdoor recreation, clean water and our area’s high quality of living- are what give us a competitive edge over other regions in attracting and retaining the talented people new companies require. Wilderness and wild and scenic river protections would help protect & grow the local jobs that depend on our ability to compete for talent against other regions, and they would enhance our recruitment efforts as we work to grow new businesses in the future. And as a former Timber Industry Executive, I appreciate that Senator Murray and Rep Kilmer’s final compromise proposal was scaled-back to ensure it would not impact current timber jobs.

Wild Olympics would 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, tech, health care, construction and many other sectors of our economy today. Our ancient forests, salmon, rivers and stunning scenery are the North Olympic Peninsula’s new comparative economic advantage over other regions. In fact, every few years or so the nonpartisan Headwaters Economics releases their “West is Best” studies. It consistently show that protected public lands in the West Create a comparative economic advantage for rural communities. The Headwaters studies show that:

- Protected public lands attract companies, entrepreneurs and workers
- Rural Counties with protected public lands experience stronger economic Growth
- Protected public lands assist in new employee recruiting efforts
- Incomes are higher near protected public lands

This is likely why this Wild Olympics legislation has now been endorsed by nearly 550 local Olympic Peninsula & Hood Canal Region Businesses. And why I have been a stalwart supporter of the Wild Olympics Campaign from the start.