

Board of Forestry, March 7, 2018, Public comments by Kathleen Sullivan, Clatsop County

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today. I'm Kathleen Sullivan. I'm a Clatsop County Commissioner and member of the Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee.

I've expressed to you before my concerns that the FTLAC reports often do not reflect the views of Clatsop County, the largest timber producing county of all the trust counties, but now we are in a position where we are not able to make our views known to the BOF through FTLAC as described in Oregon statute. Several FTLAC meetings have been cancelled, ^{It is clear there is a} and it is clear that, for fear of jeopardizing the Linn County lawsuit against the State and ODF; the other FTLAC members will not weigh in on changes to the FMP or important issues like the HCP.

Clatsop citizens have sent clear messages to our commission over the last several years: they want a balanced forest plan that maintains an active timber program but that also helps restore endangered species and provides an active recreation program. We want our forest policies to reflect the long term interests of our county.

Clatsop supports a strong focus on the HCP as the first step to possibly revising the FMP because we are concerned about the security of our timber revenues and the protection of rare habitats. Already there is a notice of a lawsuit against state forests for logging that is damaging threatened Coho salmon and damaging stream health in the Tillamook and Clatsop state forests. The threatened status of the marbled murrelet was recently uplisted to endangered. Despite these realities, you regularly received encouragement from others to cut the bigger older trees and decimate habitat. Our support for the HCP is not anti-timber, but it is against the view that timber revenue generation should be placed over all other interests.

Thank you for your time, your service on the Board and for considering the views of Clatsop County.