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**Campaign Message:** Reject unnecessary petition for Oregon coastal Coho salmon

*This letter is to urge you to reject the petition before the Board of Forestry relating to Oregon coastal coho salmon. This petition, if granted, would have serious impacts on rural Oregon's economy and the management of both public and private forest lands in Oregon.*

*Coho populations in Oregon are increasing - the existing protections in place are working. Additional regulations for the coho are unnecessary and would further restrict the practice of forestry in our state.*

*The Oregon Forest Practices Act already has protections for coho habitat, including restrictions on road building, provisions for replacing stream culverts to increase coho spawning, and stream buffers for harvest, among others. The Board of Forestry passed new rules only two years ago expanding stream buffers to protect salmon habitat. Those existing protections, combined with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) fisheries management and protections on agricultural lands, are part of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. That plan, which started in 1997, has contributed to an increasing, stable and robust coho population. The petition before the Board of Forestry is unnecessary.*

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## **Additional Information Submitted with Campaign Message:**

Dear Board of Forestry, I have worked with members of Oregon's timber industry for almost ten years. They are some of the most ardent environmentalists I know. Many private timber owners who operate mills already voluntarily go beyond the mandatory minimum requirements for buffers and setbacks. They do so to protect Oregon's watersheds and preserve wildlife including fish. The salmon populations are thriving as a result. This petition for increased regulations is unnecessary and detrimental to the already rigorous effort by foresters to protect our land and its inhabitants.

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Please reject these extremists, go after the seals and sealions!! The real threat are the sealions, not logging practices. Jeffrey Weber, 83829 Highway 103 Seaside OR 97138, [jeff.weber64@yahoo.com](mailto:jeff.weber64@yahoo.com)

The restrictions already in place are working. Do not make new rules that will adversely affect Oregonians and their livelihoods.

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As a Professional Forester I believe the existing rules and regulations should be given some time to prove themselves sufficient. If Coho population is stable now it will only increase in the future, it seems t me. Give it time. Reject increasing regulations.

KEVIN MCELWEE, 6199 Jade Ave Springfield OR 97478, [kevin.mcelwee@ipaper.com](mailto:kevin.mcelwee@ipaper.com)

Please look at the data, if the protections are working it makes no sense to further management activities. I worry more about wildfire and its tendency to clog the streams with debris and sediment that will have a far larger impact on the populations.

Lindsay Warness, 503 M Ave La Grande OR 97850, [lindsay.warness@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.warness@gmail.com)

Please do not over-regulate with unnecessary policies that hinder more than help and consider regulations already in place.

Vineeta Lower, 815 6th Ave Seaside OR 97138, [vineetalower@gmail.com](mailto:vineetalower@gmail.com)

The work that your organization has done to protect our fish and wildlife is to be commended, and no other restrictions are necessary. Thank you!

Marlene Acker, 35205 Tohl Ave Nehalem OR 97131, [marlene@nehalem.tel.net](mailto:marlene@nehalem.tel.net)

As a professional forester with 45 yrs experience in timber management I believe the existing stream side buffer laws in Oregon are adequate. Taking away more acreage from Western Oregon landowners is theft. Please vote NO on this proposal

Robert Vance, 1124 SE 45th Ave Portland OR 97215, [logr1@comcast.net](mailto:logr1@comcast.net)

Hello - I have worked as a forester in the state of Oregon for sixteen years and my husband is a commercial fisherman. Additional buffers for Coho streams are unnecessary. Please don't penalize the forest managers due to pressure from environmental groups - under the guise of saving the Coho. Coho numbers are increasing! Please stick to science from the professionals who manage the forests and manage the aquatic species in Oregon. Do not make decisions based on paid lobbyists for environmental group or politicians trying to win friends in the environmental extremist community.

Jenny Johnson, 92080 John Day River Rd Astoria OR 97103, [bugsyjcl@gmail.com](mailto:bugsyjcl@gmail.com)

As an oregon logger coming from a long line of oregon loggers I'm sick of my families way of life being threatened. Every year it seam that restrictions and regulations continue to suffocate the timber Industry. I dont understand how something that will affect thousands of people, thousands of OREGONIANS livelihoods is even being thought of. This war on our way of life is getting tiring. Rural oregonians already struggle to make ends meet because their are close to no jobs with livable wages. Yet here we are time and time again constantly attacking or means of supporting ourselves.

Jacob Burton, 351 Oxyoke Rd Grants Pass OR 97526, [burtonejacob541@gmail.com](mailto:burtonejacob541@gmail.com)

Any additional regulations will likely create a situation in which Salmon habitat quality will be reduced. It has been through the active management efforts of all timberland owners that the Coho population has been steadily increasing since it's listing. Oregonians have invested millions of dollars to improve habitat quality and increase access to additional streams that were blocked to migration due to unsound practices from the past. Any additional regulation will discourage many owners from continued cooperation due to the continued taking of their properties without compensation. We are approaching the point that it is better to not have habitat for endangered species. Most land owners are very happy to provide quality habitat to all wildlife. We need to assure these folks that they do not need to be constantly on guard to fend off regulatory attacks from their neighbors, legislators and the boards acting on their behalf.

Greg Willie, 27962 Benson Rd Eugene OR 97402, [jgwillie@usfamily.net](mailto:jgwillie@usfamily.net)

It seems a shame that the Board of Forestry and many potentially impacted landowners must drag this subject into the forefront again. Personally, I have no need for concern for my own land management from potential rule changes, but forest management in general does not need more regulation.

Michael Atkinson, 83575 Territorial Hwy Eugene OR 97405, [1964coyote1963@gmail.com](mailto:1964coyote1963@gmail.com)

USFS allows coho to be kept if caught in the ocean or bays and yet more land needs to be locked up to protect the species. Coho's number one threat are predators in the ocean that are federally protected.

David Kunert, 3111 3rd St Tillamook OR 97141, [davekunert@hamptonlumber.com](mailto:davekunert@hamptonlumber.com)

I work on the coast every day and do lots of fishing on the coast I know for a fact the system that was just expanded a few years ago is working great. I've talked with people from odfw and the state police coho numbers are up significantly you can tell by the number of fish being caught. Please don't take another hit to Oregon's coastal economy because a group doesn't like logging. The coast has already been hit hard enough.

Eric Bufka, 2915 Perrydale Rd Dallas OR 97338, [ebufka@aol.com](mailto:ebufka@aol.com)

I have witnessed the entire "Oregon Salmon Plan" in NW Oregon, and in that span of time a great number of man-made fish barriers have been removed from coastal streams on private timber land. Additionally numerous "stream enhancement" projects benefiting coho salmon have been done as well to improve coho habitat. All of these projects that I was involved with were paid for 100% by private industry. Please reject the notion that additional protection measures are needed on the landscape. The habitat is there and accessible to fish - if they return from the ocean unfettered. It seems to me that if the fish are still struggling to survive (#s) perhaps it is time for recreational and commercial fishers to stop harvesting them! More than happy to offer a tour of what I have participated in private industry in NW Oregon.

Timothy Shiel, 5159 SW Pickett Pl Gaston OR 97119, [7of8oshiel@gmail.com](mailto:7of8oshiel@gmail.com)

I am a 6th generation Oregonian and a 5th generation logger. I am fortunate to have a great knowledge of my families legacy here in Oregon. Yes there were mistakes made in the past with regards to logging practices, but those old ways are gone. People have a vision that we are logging every acre along every stream. Even so, with our strong Forest Practice Act impacts to water are minimal. There have been several recent studies at OSU that show that our current rules are working. Our cure rules are working, Coho populations are actually on the rise. Forest streams and forest practices are not the problem.

Jeffrey Wimer, 305 NE Cherry Ln Albany OR 97321, [jwimer5@comcast.net](mailto:jwimer5@comcast.net)

The logging industry in Oregon been decimated over the last 30 years. Current riparian area logging restrictions are already bringing back salmon populations.

Jeremy Clark, 468 NE Covey Ct Hermiston OR 97838, [clarkbar04@hotmail.com](mailto:clarkbar04@hotmail.com)

We are fisherman and women fishing for Salmon every year. 2019 is the best Coho run we have seen in years. 2018 was a marked improvement, but 2019 is knocking it out if the ballpark. In my humble opinion, logging is not the issue, current forest protections are working as evidenced with the latest 2 years runs. SEALS are the issue! The population of Seals is out of control. They are killing our Salmon fishing. Forest protections are in place!! Please do not kill Logging. Oregon needs these family wage jobs.

Sharon Schrenk, 10895 E Mapleton Rd Mapleton OR 97453, [sharon.schrenk@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.schrenk@gmail.com)

The returns of Coho are increasing and recent additional protections have not been fully evaluated for effectiveness. Additional restrictions are not warranted and will impact revenues for timber dependent counties like Lane County. These revenues provide critical services to our citizens.

Jay Bozievich, 24865 Fir Grove Ln Elmira OR 97437, [jay.bozievich@co.lane.or.us](mailto:jay.bozievich@co.lane.or.us)

Watershed fish enhancement since 1997 has shown it is working. Private landowners have bought into projects that made alot if the gains possible. Don't slap their commitment back in their faces by considering these tactics by extremists to curtail logging and other riparian activity.

Dale Ott, 10615 Highway 241 Coos Bay OR 97420, [daleott3@gmail.com](mailto:daleott3@gmail.com)

I ask you to please oppose the petition to increase regulations. We already have enough protections in place as seen by the increase of Coho population.

Charlene Wilson, PO Box 1173 Florence OR 97439, [pjcwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:pjcwilson@yahoo.com)

It would be one thing if there was ever any "give" with the "take", but it feels like the environmental groups just want to take, take, take and it will never be enough.

Michelle Dudley, 441 Little Springs Rd Roseburg OR 97471, [michelle.dudley68@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.dudley68@yahoo.com)

As a third generation forester, avid hunter and fisher, and lover of the environment I strongly oppose this petition before the BOF.

Whitney Schimke, 459 SE Oakbriar Ave Roseburg OR 97470, [whitneys@cdlumber.com](mailto:whitneys@cdlumber.com)

Please let the systems put in place have a chance to work. Coastal coho are recovering and we don't need these additional regulations!

Barb Iverson, 5858 S Newman Rd Woodburn OR 97071, [iverson@monitorcoop.com](mailto:iverson@monitorcoop.com)

I live in Southern Oregon and love our forests but we don't need further restrictions on use in our forests. Radical policies have already ruined the perfect renewable Industry, the logging industry.

Kurt Tamashiro, 2510 Scoville Rd Grants Pass OR 97526, [kurttama@gmail.com](mailto:kurttama@gmail.com)

As each of you on the board should be recognizing is that every citizen in Oregon regardless of political function should have a vote on what happens in Oregon. We on the East, Center and South sides of Oregon have not been heard in the past but with recent USFS plan being tabled, believe you can all see that our wishes are now being focused upon. As one that wants less government involvement in our lives, the same is with regulations and BOF is one of those regulators. If a plan for salmon is working, what needs to change? Let it work and don't mess with what is working. We already realize that fish runs are the result of weather, water temperature and we cannot totally control those fish. The anti forest petition should be denied.

Patricia Maier, 31156 Follett Ln Hermiston OR 97838, [patriciamai@msn.com](mailto:patriciamai@msn.com)

The Oregon Forest Practices Act already has protections for coho habitat, including restrictions on road building, provisions for replacing stream culverts to increase coho spawning, and stream buffers for harvest, etc. Oregon's waterways have been closely monitored and have proven that our proper tactics are sound, DEQ has said Oregon timberlands produce the cleanest water in any industry. We want the Coho to flourish, that's why we already protect them. We do not need further restrictions when the existing regulations are working. Please reject the petition to add more regulations to protect the Coho. The Forest Practices Act's regulations are working and Coho are increasing.

Jen Hamaker, 88080 Heather Dr Springfield OR 97478, [jenhamaker1@gmail.com](mailto:jenhamaker1@gmail.com)

Please make a decision that will improve Oregon's rural economy, rather than further stifling wise use of our renewable resources.

Paul Anderes, 1106 K Ave La Grande OR 97850, [panderes@union-county.org](mailto:panderes@union-county.org)

Please take this letter seriously - there are two sides to the issue. I can assure you that I care deeply about salmon restoration, about logical forest management, and our economy. None should be held hostage at the expense of the other - especially when current practices are working.

Chris Lawrence, 289 Wren Ridge Dr Eagle Point OR 97524, [chrislawrence@bc.com](mailto:chrislawrence@bc.com)

Please reject this petition. Coho populations are increasing. Existing protections are working. Unwarranted increased regulation would place additional unnecessary burden on forestry in our state. Regulation currently in place under the Oregon Forest Practices Act provides sufficient, scientifically supported, protections for Coho salmon - and these protections are working. Effective, efficient forest management is vital to sustaining rural communities as well as reducing fuel loading in overstocked forests at risk of catastrophic fire. It is important that we support and maintain forestry as a land use and not increase burdensome regulation that would, in the long term, impact our ability to maintain an industry vital to the economic and social health of Oregon. Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Shults, 4851 B St Springfield OR 97478, [shults4851@q.com](mailto:shults4851@q.com)

Please don't place unnecessary restrictions on more of our fisheries, especially one that's actually thriving. It hurts communities by depriving them of income and fisheries by potential overpopulation and lack of management. Asha Aiello, 2640 SW 204th Ave Beaverton OR 97003, [asha.swem@gmail.com](mailto:asha.swem@gmail.com)

The working class of Oregonians need jobs. Stop destroying our forest industry. Rodney Stubbs, 3460 Dogwood Dr S Salem OR 97302, [rodney.stubbs@comcast.net](mailto:rodney.stubbs@comcast.net)

Our forests are well protected as are our fish. This is an unnecessary effort to cause more harm than good. Michaelene Lyski, 6785 Whiskey Creek Rd Tillamook OR 97141, [lyski1978@yahoo.com](mailto:lyski1978@yahoo.com)

I am an avid fisherman and familiar with the forestry sector and rules. We seem to have reached a balance where the salmon are increasing and forestry as is can be practiced. At this point, there doesn't need to be more regulation. Jerry Brodie, 1398 Glenmorrie Dr, Lake Oswego OR 97034, [jebrodie@outlook.com](mailto:jebrodie@outlook.com)

I live on the Apple River in Murphy, Oregon. Salmon are protected here and never allowed to be caught ever. We do not need further protections that have serious impacts on our forest lands. Please reject the current petition. Thank you!

Sharon Fisher, PO Box 102 Murphy OR 97533, [sharonlovestheriver@gmail.com](mailto:sharonlovestheriver@gmail.com)

This would seriously damage further rural Oregon. When the number of coho have increased because of the past restrictions there would be NO reason to accept this petition. For once there needs to be reason applied. Please for Oregon reject this for the well being of rural Oregon.

Debbie Ler, PO Box 2151 Roseburg OR 97470, [dlee0156@msn.com](mailto:dlee0156@msn.com)

I have friends who have worked in the forests and we need logging not more restrictions. There is absolutely no point in even more restrictions.

Avis Engle, 2993 Lazy Creek Dr Medford OR 97504, [engavie@gmail.com](mailto:engavie@gmail.com)

With the recent increase in SSBT stream buffers, it seems prudent to see the effect that is having before moving to more restrictive regulations.

Jeremy Sapp, 342 Blue Jay Ave Forest Grove OR 97116, [jerdsapp@msn.com](mailto:jerdsapp@msn.com)

I am life long Angler of salmon and steelhead, and I can attest that the wild coho populations have increased significantly from the dismal returns we had in 1990s I do not see the need for these recent proposals.

James Mickel, 22035 S Beaver creek Rd Beaver creek OR 97004, [jimrboats@aol.com](mailto:jimrboats@aol.com)

Simple case of if it's not broken, why fix it?

Ralph Wiley, 2732 Crater Lake Ave Medford OR 97504, [ralphdinawiley@yahoo.com](mailto:ralphdinawiley@yahoo.com)

Please reject this petition, Oregon deserves management of forests, not restrictions.

Karen Strickland, 1612 Tamera Dr Klamath Falls OR 97603, [kcstrickland@charter.net](mailto:kcstrickland@charter.net)

I am given to understand that the current measures in place are succeeding in ensuring that the Coho population is growing. It begs the question, "Why are we fiddling with success"? If this is no more than certain groups wanting to step on the neck of those who don't share their views, then I suspect this is a blatant power grab with minimal

justification. Your organization should not allow such unbalanced power seizure to the exclusion of logical solutions currently in place.

Garth Harrington, 3291 Miller Ct Medford OR 97504, [garthharrington4413@gmail.com](mailto:garthharrington4413@gmail.com)

Stop regulating everything to death. Your actions only deprive me of my freedom.

James Walden, 5252 Dobrot Way Central Point OR 97502, [sonnywalden@charter.net](mailto:sonnywalden@charter.net)

The public has lost so much of its access and freedom on public lands as it it. This petition will do nothing to help the environment or the freedoms we deserve.

Patrick Carter, 815 Mountain View Dr Eagle Point OR 97524, [patrickacarter@yahoo.com](mailto:patrickacarter@yahoo.com)

We need to be able to cut our forests to control wildfires and to manage our forests responsibly.

Dorothy Bowen, 3020 Cummings Ln Medford OR 97501, [daffydott3@gmail.com](mailto:daffydott3@gmail.com)

Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry, I am a resident of Roseburg and as such live in a community that prides itself in the excellent forest industry we have here. Please do not support these unnecessary restrictions. These restrictions will do nothing but harm the rural communities and will not accomplish the goals that they claim. There are enough regulations and restrictions that are not based in science. Please do not add another burden to rural Oregon that is based on feeling and not science or economics.

Tim Drake, 1050 W Luellen Dr Roseburg OR 97471, [drake.tim@gmail.com](mailto:drake.tim@gmail.com)

Oregon has always been a logging community and this is what paid the bills for education and Oregon's other necessities. Ever since the environmentalists got involved Oregon's timber funding has been depleted to almost become non-existing. Controls are good to a point until they become detrimental to what is good for Oregon. The environmentalists want to control logging out of existence. This is very bad for Oregon. please reject the petition relating to more Coho salmon control as it goes beyond what is really needed. Oregon environment is in no danger of being destroyed by logging but Oregon is in danger of being destroyed by over regulating it's environment. Our fisheries are safe today but they will also be destroyed with over regulation. Please protect our logging industries and their health as logging continues to be a big part of Oregon's health.

Robert Morris, 808 Northridge Ave Springfield OR 97477, [mkmorris56@gmail.com](mailto:mkmorris56@gmail.com)

I have devoted my 21-year career as a forester with a fifth generation family owned timber company to improving fish habitat. My projects summary includes replacement of over 100 culverts for fish passage, the installation of many bridges and a yearly contribution of large wood to fish bearing streams in tributaries of major streams such as the Alsea, Yaquina and Siletz Rivers. All of this work has been both voluntary and paid for by our company. Private forests do the public good, and the fish too! Our streams on private lands have had protections for decades now (increased just two years ago) and there is no need or scientific justification to add encumbering new regulations. I am proud to be a professional, experienced practitioner of forestry in Oregon, I am proud of the work that private landowners have done since the inception of the Oregon Plan in the mid-1990's, and I am unequivocally convinced that the work I have done on the ground and in the streams has already been a great benefit for all fish species. I encourage you to confidently reject the petition to increase regulations for coho in the Oregon Coast Range. As a field forester, who has spend hundreds of hours in the forests and streams where these species live, it just doesn't make sense.

Jennifer Beathe, 1216 22nd St NW Albany OR 97321, [jennoonan@comcast.net](mailto:jennoonan@comcast.net)

I live on the upper South Umpqua River a tributary to the Umpqua River, I am a landowner with the South Umpqua River splitting our property. We have the Umpqua National Forest, Tiller district passed our property approximately 1 mile east. The main road #28 that goes to the South Umpqua Falls joins the county road. The landowners from Tiller along the South Umpqua River have been notified the State Parks and Recreation Department that they are doing a Scenic River Designation Study. The fact that the US Forest Service has protections already in place for riparian along rivers. It seems that this petition is nothing but control by people who have no stake in the affects this will have on private landowners.

Patricia Vaughn, 6291 S Umpqua Rd Tiller OR 97484, [tiller.mt.mama@hotmail.com](mailto:tiller.mt.mama@hotmail.com)

Please reject the petition before you relating to Oregon coastal coho salmon. This petition, if granted, would have serious impacts on rural Oregon's economy and the management of both public and private forest lands in Oregon.

Coho populations in Oregon are increasing - the existing protections in place are working. Additional regulations for the coho are unnecessary and would further restrict the practice of forestry in our state. The Oregon Forest Practices Act already has protections for coho habitat, including restrictions on road building, provisions for replacing stream culverts to increase coho spawning, and stream buffers for harvest, among others. The Board of Forestry passed new rules only two years ago expanding stream buffers to protect salmon habitat. Those existing protections, combined with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) fisheries management and protections on agricultural lands, are part of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds. That plan, which started in 1997, has contributed to an increasing, stable and robust coho population. The petition before the Board of Forestry is unnecessary. Cristy Rein, PO Box 1325 Clackamas OR 97015, [rzpublish@aol.com](mailto:rzpublish@aol.com)

Please disregard this petition. Devote your time and dollar to prevent forest fires. Shirley Benson, 32200 SW French Prairie Rd Apt A111 Wilsonville OR 97070, [jmbjr1@comcast.net](mailto:jmbjr1@comcast.net)

We cannot have anymore regulations on coastal coho salmon. This is an overreach by a group that doesn't understand there are regulations enough in place. Sharon Catania, 19742 Manzanita Ln Bend OR 97702, [sharbrat\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:sharbrat_1999@yahoo.com)

Agree with the statements above  
harold ball, 2826 Colonial Rd Roseburg OR 97471, [hball@orengo.com](mailto:hball@orengo.com)

Good stewardship of our forests requires common sense management practices that will keep our forests and our stewards healthy. Bob Henderson, 930 Harris St SE Salem OR 97302, [bhenders51@gmail.com](mailto:bhenders51@gmail.com)

With the desperate need for better forest management in order to reduce fuel load that fuels devastating forest fires, this petition would only contribute to our forest management problem and hinder much needed progress in the right direction. Special interests have had their say and gotten their way the last 30 or more years. It started with the spotted owl hoax. They got their way. It didn't work! It's only brought imbalance and devastation to our forests. We are paying the price with devastating forest fires and poor health of our beautiful forests. Now they are using coho as their tool of manipulation. Let's stop yielding to these unproven theories and let's use common sense. Especially when the coho are doing so well! We don't need this kind of regulation. It's crippling to our beautiful Oregon forests. Since the coho are doing so well, we have to realize that there are deeper motives at the heart of this that do not have healthy forests as their focus. Even if they say they do. Let's use common sense! Thank you. Julie Joli, 2098 Boes Ave Central Point OR 97502, [tjoli82@hotmail.com](mailto:tjoli82@hotmail.com)

Please Oppose Increased Coho Salmon Regulations !!  
Mike Schaer, 151 Fink St Coos Bay OR 97420, [m.schaer@yahoo.com](mailto:m.schaer@yahoo.com)

I fish every year on the Oregon coast for Chinook Salmon. What do we catch Coho Salmon there is no need to put further restrictions on private and public lands. As a ex forest technician working to enhance fish populations on projects to improve fish habitat has all but been done. To further restrict private and public lands does nothing to do with fish habitat but to restrict logging in Oregon would kill the jobs in the timber industry. It's not the BOF job to restrict Oregon jobs. I reject this petition  
Richard Hampton, 3132 Lupine St Lebanon OR 97355, [rckp21@centurytel.net](mailto:rckp21@centurytel.net)

Do you remember the spotted owl who needed hundreds of acres per breeding pair that were found to be nesting under eye five bridges Look what that did to Oregon don't make the same mistake again. Lonnie Webber, 169 Mecca Ave Eugene OR 97404, [yorkiedad4@gmail.com](mailto:yorkiedad4@gmail.com)

I have worked with local watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts for nearly a decade. Through these community organizations I have been able to work within watersheds on salmon habitat improvement projects. Through these experiences I have noticed that the forestry sector is always the first to go above and beyond to protect watershed health, partner for decommissioning roads to remove salmon barriers and utilize the newest science and technology to protect our resources. Salmonid habitat protection is being accomplished already without extreme activist involvement. Wendi Agalzooff, 89534 Lewis and Clark Rd Astoria OR 97103, [huckle2berry000@gmail.com](mailto:huckle2berry000@gmail.com)

With this letter I encourage you to reject a further increase in regulations for the Oregon Forest Practices Act. As a timber manager for a family owned forest & logging company & also a timberland owner of nearly 500 family acres I have been actively involved with the Oregon Forest Practices Act. There seems to be a concentrated anti-forestry effort in Oregon this past legislative session & now any attempt to influence the Oregon Board of Forestry. The Oregon Forest Practice Act has been working well for environmental values in Oregon & has been updated as new research data is published. The Oregon coastal coho salmon has already produced an increasing coho population & increased regulation is unnecessary. Ocean conditions & ocean food supply for coho are more important to the species @ this point. Please reject the effort to further restrict forest management in Oregon .  
Richard Spring, 66739 Swallow Rd Apt Oregon North Bend OR 97459, [rsjspring@frontier.com](mailto:rsjspring@frontier.com)

Please stop fixing things that aren't broken.  
Robert Smoot, 5100 Old Highway 99 S Ashland OR 97520, [clsmoot@gmail.com](mailto:clsmoot@gmail.com)

The Oregon Forest Practices Act already protects Oregon rivers and Oregon Coho. Far greater damage will occur across our watersheds from wildfires if our forests are not managed.  
T Tyler Freres, 705 E Pine St Stayton OR 97383, [tyfreres@frereslumber.com](mailto:tyfreres@frereslumber.com)

Our current protections in place are working well. No changes are needed. More restrictions are not necessary.  
Michael Smith, 96084 Stock Slough Ln Coos Bay OR 97420, [michael30.06smith777@gmail.com](mailto:michael30.06smith777@gmail.com)

We are southern coastal Oregon ranchers and timberland owners. Over the years we have done many conservation practices for coho and water quality on our agriculture lands as well as restoration on the timber lands. The Forest Practices Act has increased set backs from the streams for logging due to coho habitat and we comply with those practices. I have to wonder when enough is enough. I guess I figure enough will be when the environmental sector puts us completely out of business one way or another. This is just another tool to harm the timber industry who provides wood for homes, toilet paper, paper bags, books, newspaper, and the list goes on for public use.  
Charlie Waterman, 87518 Davis Creek Ln Bandon OR 97411, [watermanranch@frontier.com](mailto:watermanranch@frontier.com)

Do not need more government, common sense people and people that know about Coho recovery. Need to manage the forest so we have less fires and smaller ones  
Steven Pomerlea, 760 Old County Rd Brookings OR 97415, [pomerleaush@frontier.com](mailto:pomerleaush@frontier.com)

I have lived in Oregon for 66 of my 68 years. I know the Oregon Forest Practices Act is one of the most comprehensive in the nation. It works well for us.  
Mark Denner, 107 Stonehaven St Eugene OR 97404, [m.denner@comcast.net](mailto:m.denner@comcast.net)

I have been involved with Oregon's North Coast Watershed Councils for at least 15 of the now more than twenty years of the Oregon Plan Salmon recovery effort. Incredible strides in increasing the habitat and the resiliency of forested streams has been and continues to be made. The effort now for even greater habitat improvement needs to be focused not in the forests but on the connections between estuary and forest.  
David Wells, 2390 Nielsen Rd Tillamook OR 97141, [oregonnaturalforestry@gmail.com](mailto:oregonnaturalforestry@gmail.com)

Please reject any changes at this time. If it's not broke, don't try and fix it.  
Adrina Murray, 11066 NW McCoin Rd Prineville OR 97754, [adrina@jtsanimalbedding.com](mailto:adrina@jtsanimalbedding.com)

We need to manage our forests and prevent the ecological and economic damage caused by forest fires. Active Prevention is where our management and dollars need to focus We do not need more regulations on top of a plan that is already working. Please be a leader and say no to the ecoactivists  
Brian Wilhite, 3538 Old Military Rd Central Point OR 97502, [geauxbrian@gmail.com](mailto:geauxbrian@gmail.com)

Enough is enough! We don't need any more regulations!  
Robin Johnson, PO Box 562 Winchester OR 97495, [sportsgal54@gmail.com](mailto:sportsgal54@gmail.com)

You're looking at the wrong place for the cause of this problem! How about all of those protected sea lions that eat a lot of them before the even get up river?  
Bill Sargent, 2236 Landers Ave Roseburg OR 97471, [bills@dixonsteel.com](mailto:bills@dixonsteel.com)

It's past time to reject environmental Extremist proposals and petitions ! They don't care about the fish or the people who depend on them for their livelihood ! Their intent is clear, to stop all logging and that is unacceptable !  
John M Novak, 4003 NW Elliott Ln Prineville OR 97754, [jmnovak@prinetime.net](mailto:jmnovak@prinetime.net)

Oregon is already buried in over-regulation, stop while you are ahead.  
Vivian Kirkpatrick-Pilger, 180 Smokey Ln Grants Pass OR 97527, [vivkirk@yahoo.com](mailto:vivkirk@yahoo.com)

The Powers Ranch Co. is a third generation family cattle and timber operation in Coos and Curry counties. We hope to make it to a fourth generation, but if the unscientific, radical environmentalists get their way, we won't make it. Wood is the most environmentally sound product for the built environment, please don't make it more onerous to use, it's already tough enough stay in business.  
Quincy Powers, 3327 King Edwards Ct Eugene OR 97401, [powersranch@outlook.com](mailto:powersranch@outlook.com)

Enough already!! Stop over regulating!  
Fredrick Baldwin, PO Box 1583 Brookings OR 97415, [fbaldwin714@gmail.com](mailto:fbaldwin714@gmail.com)

It is time for the Board of Forestry to go back to good forestry and get out of the political game. I realize that your positions are political, but the primary responsibility is to insure that Oregon continues to lead the world in workable and productive forest practices. Adding additional restrictions to fix something that isn't broke is politics, not forestry. Coastal Coho numbers are increasing and granting the submitted petition would only serve to further damage rural Oregon. Oregon is already lacking sufficient infrastructure to properly manage our forests, due to inefficient and politically based Federal Regulations that are killing the very forests and species these regulations are intended to protect. Don't follow their lead, step up and say no to this ill thought out petition. Our current protections are working and the proof is in the numbers. We have regulations that are working, we don't need nor would we benefit from additional regulations. Thank you for your time.  
Gregory Stratton, 7714 Skycrest Dr Klamath Falls OR 97601, [gstratton64@yahoo.com](mailto:gstratton64@yahoo.com)

My wife and I have watched lack of management and unending environmental lawsuits destroy the Umpqua National Forest. Many of the roads and beautiful areas are now inaccessible due to brush and lack of road maintenance. We have strong environmental laws in Oregon. We don't need to add more.  
Dereck Foster, 114 Gilbert Ave Glendale OR 97442, [dnafoster27@yahoo.com](mailto:dnafoster27@yahoo.com)

I feel this is too much regulation. This country was founded on people being able to do with their land as they pleased. Now government is wanting to take way too much control. I was talking to an older man at a Port of Brookings Harbor meeting several months ago and we got to talking about the fish population in the Chetco River. He said when throwing fish entrails was banned the fish and crab population dropped. So, in short order, government regulations do not work on some examples. Humans are part of the eco system and must be considered as such, when laws are made.  
Tom Beene, 15670 Pelican Bay Dr Brookings OR 97415, [tbeenejr@charter.net](mailto:tbeenejr@charter.net)

I have worked in the logging industry for 50 years, I strongly reject any more restrictions on the logging industry, in fact you could reduce a lot of the regulations now in place to help the logging industry we are a great financial asset to the state.  
Leonard Harmon, 2941 Old Highway 99 S Roseburg OR 97471, [lennyh777@gmail.com](mailto:lennyh777@gmail.com)

When is this going to stop????  
Debbie Powell, 19459 Carpenterville Rd Brookings OR 97415, [dlpowell64@gmail.com](mailto:dlpowell64@gmail.com)

The best available science shows that the existing protections for riparian management zones are effective at reducing stream temperature and buffering sediment delivery. Please thoroughly review the peer reviewed articles in reputable journals concerning this issue before making your decision.  
Chad Washington, 2280 NW Nightingale Pl Corvallis OR 97330, [chadw85@gmail.com](mailto:chadw85@gmail.com)

This is entirely unnecessary and flies in the face of all the hard work done by so many previously, such as the rules put in place only 2 years ago, that accomplish the protections necessary. This is yet another "guise" put forth by these groups to further restrict forest management in Oregon.

Kris Rees, 1535 NW Ivy Ave Redmond OR 97756, [krees47@gmail.com](mailto:krees47@gmail.com)

I am a Forester and have been involved with Salmon habitat improvements and I am aware of many other projects completed by industrial foresters. The fact is current laws and incentive programs have improved habitat and responsible forest management is working to increase salmon populations. I urge you reject the unnecessary petition. Jeffrey Kuust, 1780 Reuben Boise Rd Dallas OR 97338, [flyinfinn@q.com](mailto:flyinfinn@q.com)

Fortunately Oregon does not need additional coastal coho regulations which would do harm to our economy and citizens. The coastal cohos are increasing in number. Please reject unnecessary regulations when the ones we have are working. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Helen Scott, 346 Bickford Dr Grants Pass OR 97527, [hscott@integra.net](mailto:hscott@integra.net)

WITH THIS PLAN IT WILL STOP FAMILIES WHO ARE GROWING TIMBER FOR 30 YEARS TO CURTAIL MORE LOGGING AND LOSING MORE FAMILY WAGES JOBS. YOU NEED TO STOP THE PREDATORSS SUCH AS BEAR, BIRDS AND SEAL LIONS. YOU WILL LET THIS BURN INSTED OF BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND.

RON MASON, 52866 Stringtown Rd Myrtle Point OR 97458, [rdm.mason@charter.net](mailto:rdm.mason@charter.net)

Its about time the board of forestry and state non profit organizations leave the forest land owner to their good stewardship. Commodity market of timber limits the harvest and is done by small woodland owners at opportune time. I will be proposing the taking of private and personal property of timber and will in the future be billing the state forestry for use of valuable timber and land. Government cannot use a private property without just compensation.

Richard Beers, 2185 Carmel Ave Eugene OR 97401, [rbeers2606@comcast.net](mailto:rbeers2606@comcast.net)

The proposed rules to protect coho salmon will restrict further the space for sustainable forestry in rural Oregon with marginal benefits, if any, for salmon. They are thus a bad idea from both a political and a biological point of view.

John Gordon, 1500 SW 11th Ave Unit 2304 Portland OR 97201, [jgordon@iforest.com](mailto:jgordon@iforest.com)

Managing Oregon forests increases carbon storage. Please do not restrict anymore forest land from management.

Chris Silbernagel, 58148 Hilgard Ln La Grande OR 97850, [chris@crispcolors.com](mailto:chris@crispcolors.com)

Being from the timber industry, I know that we are providing the best practices for the wild life, from fish to frogs to owls!

Sam Keator, 8720 SW Iroquois Dr Tualatin OR 97062, [sam.keator@frontier.com](mailto:sam.keator@frontier.com)

Pause all new regulations

Charles Ruddell, 57155 School Yard Rd Bandon OR 97411, [caruddell@yahoo.com](mailto:caruddell@yahoo.com)

I am a private timberland owner in western Oregon. The board of forestry just increased buffers two years ago and it should give them a chance to work.

Kevin Westfall, 94482 Sinatra Ln Broadbent OR 97414, [kevinwestfall@netscape.net](mailto:kevinwestfall@netscape.net)

Over management and activists who know nothing about the coho are driving these restrictions. Why not instead listen to the stewards of the land .

Susan Pitts, 40728 SE Wildcat Mountain Dr Eagle Creek OR 97022, [susanpitts01@gmail.com](mailto:susanpitts01@gmail.com)

Oregon forestry already has enough regulations to protect Coho salmon, we do not need any more. It would seriously affect rural Oregon.

Tyler Robbins, 13620 NW Commerce St Banks OR 97106, [tylerrobbins@hamptonlumber.com](mailto:tylerrobbins@hamptonlumber.com)

Timber is a renewable resource and asset if managed properly, that benefits urban and rural Oregonians and the greater world. The most environmentally responsible action is the allow the timber to be managed, and stop

increasing restricting disease and pest management. It hurts all of us financially, physically and emotionally when forest fires burn uncontrollably. We raise timber and grass seed, and work to be great stewards of the land, air and water resources daily for long term sustainability. Government role is to help all Oregonians, and not interfere with business progress. Our rules are working now don't create more. One Oregon, One Goal - Stop Dividing, Start Empathy thru Education.

Melinda Duerst, 13133 Riches Rd SE Silverton OR 97381, [mindy@iokafarms.com](mailto:mindy@iokafarms.com)

Timber and agriculture landowners are also members of local watershed boards and through those watershed boards endeavor to replace culverts and improve fish passage and habitat. In Douglas County there are multiple watershed boards with the Partnership for the Umpqua Rivers being a premier board that is a diverse group of interests represented including Timber, Agriculture, Mining, Conservation, Recreation, Farming, Tribes, Public Educators and County. Annual projects include culvert replacements, boulder and log placements for habitat, and monitoring for project success. This watershed board involvement is above and beyond the Oregon Forest Practices Act requirements.

Darin McMichael, PO Box 4 Riddle OR 97469, [darin@cdlumber.com](mailto:darin@cdlumber.com)

reject extreme utopian environmentalism. Humans, like all other animals must live from what the earth provides. Thomas Hammer, 23701 Wallace Rd NW Salem OR 97304, [tom@tomhammerfarms.com](mailto:tom@tomhammerfarms.com)

What we are doing is working and it is time to put an end to anarch activists who want to continue to make things worse, then better. The Coho are doing fine and lets us focus on things that are really in need of help.

Alan Douglass, 3553 Haven Ave # 5 Menlo Park CA 94025, [bridgecreekcranch@aol.com](mailto:bridgecreekcranch@aol.com)

We are farmers and the ideas and regulations people and legislators come up with just doesn't seem to stop. And seem to be increasing. Do we want to grow food here for people or not? Do farmers need to be encouraged or slapped every time we turn around. Cap and Trade, waterways, the number of ways people want to put rural farmers and ways of life into handcuffs is amazing. We are about ready to throw in the towel. So discouraging trying to farm and make a living at the same time. China is probably more than willing to grow our food. Sorry to be so cynical- it's not really our usual frame of reference, but when is enough enough?

Sherri Janzen, 11460 SE Eola Hills Rd Amity OR 97101, [janzenps@gmail.com](mailto:janzenps@gmail.com)

Current regulations are working--we DO NOT NEED MORE!!! (and neither do the Salmon, apparently)

Barbara Sullivan, 208 6th Ave SE Albany OR 97321, [barbaraksullivan@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaraksullivan@yahoo.com)

Thank you for considering my view about the proposed Coho salmon petition before the Board of Forestry. Decades of verifiable forest watershed research has helped adjust private forestry management actions to limit short-term impacts to streams, to protect long-term riparian functions and improve overall freshwater habitat. Thus, the Board of Forestry should turn down the proposed petition which in my view ignores current forest watershed conclusions including the Department of Forestry's own studies in the Trask Watershed.

Greg Miller, 445 Sugarpine Ct SE Salem OR 97306, [gamiller54@gmail.com](mailto:gamiller54@gmail.com)

Regulations already in place have helped restore Coho salmon on the Oregon coast, so this new petition from anti-forestry groups is NOT needed.

George Middlekauff, PO Box 1426 Roseburg OR 97470, [2gwm6ljm9@charter.net](mailto:2gwm6ljm9@charter.net)

I'm a single mother working for a local timber company. My ability to take care of my family depends on the private forest land I manage. We are extremely environmentally minded and manage our land so our children and theirs will have the resource available to them to provide for their family. Oregon is nothing without forest management. Please don't push us out of this beautiful state. We, the working class, keep the economy going through the wage we earn caring for our lands. Please reject this petition for my family.

Sharah McCord, 293 Wild River Dr Roseburg OR 97470, [sharahmccord@yahoo.com](mailto:sharahmccord@yahoo.com)

If the most current science and data suggest that current regulation is protecting salmon habitat why would we increase regulation?

Michael Winter, 3267 W Chateau Ave Roseburg OR 97471, [mwinter@senecasawmill.com](mailto:mwinter@senecasawmill.com)

We do not need further advice from the misinformed free-loaders!  
Yvette Sabin, 9259 Hubbard Creek Rd Umpqua OR 97486, [bysabin@mydfn.net](mailto:bysabin@mydfn.net)

The fact that the current regulations are working already is proof that we do not need more regulations. I am always offended when a few usually city dwellers and activists hi-jack a certain issue. My grandfather was a commercial fisherman in Winchester Bay, Oregon who eventually went bankrupt due to regulations that applied only to Oregonians, yet out of state fisherman were not held to same regulations. Over regulation killed my family's income during the spotted owl melt down...If what we have is currently working please consider pausing on future regulations. Activists are already overwhelmingly in control in our state. Please consider the people who live on Cavitt Creek, the Umpqua we love our forest and our rivers. My aunt tried helping raise fish to release in Cavitt Crk when I was in grade school and regulations shut her down. People who live here in the places activists want more regulation are just trying to live and make their little area better. I for one, but can speak for our family of more than 30, am tired of people in cities making rules for people who live in the country.  
Amber Dawson, 506 N Morton St Newberg OR 97132, [jawamom@gmail.com](mailto:jawamom@gmail.com)

We do not need any more regulations added to what is already out there. The Coho Salmon are not going to be just fine without changes from those who really don't even have a clue what they are protesting about other than taking rights from citizens.  
Sharon Perkins, 1080 E Jackson Ave Cottage Grove OR 97424, [schelle63@gmail.com](mailto:schelle63@gmail.com)

I'm a lifetime resident of Oregon. I have a BS degree in Biology and a DMD degree from Oregon Colleges and Universities. I've practiced Dentistry for over two decades. I've been a Coast Guard licensed Oregon Guide with Fishing and Hunting privileges. I'm a Small Woodland Owner. Perpetuating more regulations would NOT be in the best interests of Oregonians or Coho Salmon. Catering to the narrow- minded special-interest groups advocating restrictive regulations would impact Oregon negatively without perceptible positive impacts on Coastal Cohos. The petition before the Board of Forestry is unnecessary.  
Don Payne, 9818 S Bank Dr Roseburg OR 97470, [donfishon@hotmail.com](mailto:donfishon@hotmail.com)

The regulations are already quite severe and restrict logging at all on much of our land and our neighbors' lands due to the tiny streams that flow from our properties at the the head of the Willamette Valley. Please consider people, the economy, and our Constitutional right to property.  
Margaret Barker, 76391 Martin Creek Rd Cottage Grove OR 97424, [margit@gotsky.com](mailto:margit@gotsky.com)

Logging communities have been slowly been strangled by overly aggressive regulations that are contrary to common sense and seem to only pander to fringe elements that are usually unaffected such regulations.  
Dennis Parker, 2110 Freeman Ave Roseburg OR 97471, [caseyparker2110@yahoo.com](mailto:caseyparker2110@yahoo.com)

The coho population is returning. Please don't add unnecessary regulation!  
Debbie Glass, 339 Rene Dr Shady Cove OR 97539, [dglass23@gmail.com](mailto:dglass23@gmail.com)

Why do activists have the right to shut off our livelihoods for no reason. This is a ploy to shut down logging and ruin Oregon. Why??  
Arlelne Kovash, 11425 Pedee Creek Rd Monmouth OR 97361, [kovasha@gmail.com](mailto:kovasha@gmail.com)

All new money comes out of the ground; You farm it, fish it, log it or mine it. When those rural folks don't make money, we all suffer. Environmentalists want to turn Oregon into a recreational state. Wrong answer...nothing will sustain the many working families relying on mother earth for her wealth.  
Don Silbernagel, PO BOX 56 SUBLIMITY OR 97385, [dwdon@wvi.com](mailto:dwdon@wvi.com)

Please stop yet another incredibly unfair attack on our rural Oregon life. It should be clear by now that further restrictions on forest management will only cause more damage and devastation.  
Kristi France, PO Box 912 Glendale OR 97442, [kristifrance12@gmail.com](mailto:kristifrance12@gmail.com)

I don't believe there is a need for added restrictions. The regulations already in place are showing results.  
LINDA GOODMAN, 6001 Caufield St West Linn OR 97068, [LENGDALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LENGDALL@GMAIL.COM)

We oppose any increased regulations for coho salmon.  
Shannon Rust, 77252 Mader Rust Ln Echo OR 97826, [tsrust@machmedia.net](mailto:tsrust@machmedia.net)

Please recognize the latest Anti-forestry activist attempt to drive a nail in the Timber industry. All quality science recognizes the timber industry as part of the solution to global warming not the enemy. These people will say anything and do anything to damage the timber industry regardless of the science. Do your job and do whats best for the environment an the people that will be impacted by the baseless attack on the industry that built oregon.  
Jon Wheeler, 710 Woodcrest Dr Springfield OR 97477, [wheeljon@comcast.net](mailto:wheeljon@comcast.net)

I do not want this petition granted. Thank you  
Beverly Kane, 1046 Thelma Way Grants Pass OR 97527, [bdkane@outlook.com](mailto:bdkane@outlook.com)

I believe that current protections are adequate. We need to consider making the welfare of human beings our first priority  
Donald Bear, 151 Joshua St Grants Pass OR 97526, [donnmiss2001@gmail.com](mailto:donnmiss2001@gmail.com)

With the recent revisions of the FPA it s total unnecessary to act on this petition.  
Bruno Meyer, 2161 Archer Dr Medford OR 97501, [bruno.meyer@msn.com](mailto:bruno.meyer@msn.com)

In 2017 Forest Practices were revised to widen stream buffers for salmon protection, irrespective of a solid scientific basis demonstrating a need to do so. Coho stocks are healthy as evidenced by ODFW doubled fishing quotas this year. It is stressful for me to be continually under attack while I am providing clean water and air to all Oregonians at my own personal cost, not to mention sequestering carbon. Please reject this petition.  
Nancy Hathaway, 3230 NW Garfield Ave Corvallis OR 97330, [nancyhath@comcast.net](mailto:nancyhath@comcast.net)

In 2017 the BOF increased riparian buffer width as an extra precaution to enhance salmon, steelhead, & bull trout runs, in spite of any supporting scientific basis and the severely flawed Rip stream study. Soon thereafter, OSU's detailed review of the three western Oregon paired-watershed studies demonstrated that stream temperatures are actually determined more by shallow groundwater exchange than by buffer width and that any temperature increase very soon diminishes downstream. These three studies had extremely solid scientific basis, in stark contrast to the failed Ripstream study. Oregon coho runs are already healthy and in fact, stocks are so healthy that ODFW doubled the allowable coho harvest this year, in spite of ever increasing predator loss to seals and sea lions. The current forest practices are already very effective in protecting coho runs and small woodland owners should not be further burdened by scientifically unfounded petitions.  
Greg Peterson, 3230 NW Garfield Ave Corvallis OR 97330, [peterseengineering@comcast.net](mailto:peterseengineering@comcast.net)

Forests left unmanaged end up black. Thats alot more harmful than logging to any stream.  
Troy Hadley, 1350 N Greenwood Rd Rickreall OR 97371, [tahenterprises@yahoo.com](mailto:tahenterprises@yahoo.com)

Although not a forester, as a farmer I'm dismayed the Board of Forestry would consider reviewing rules that are only 2 years old. Part of the problem with government bureaucracy for natural resource people is that we can't keep up with it. Let the existing rules work for a while, before considering more change; let folks get use to this level of bureaucracy before adding more! Thank you!  
Mark Dickman, 15829 MT Angel Scotts Mills Rd NE Silverton OR 97381, [dfarms@mtangel.net](mailto:dfarms@mtangel.net)

The salmon are increasing with the regulations that are in place. Please do not add more restrictions to the Oregon population--people are important too.  
Penny Miltenberger, 2825 Jackson St SE Albany OR 97322, [russell2wf@yahoo.com](mailto:russell2wf@yahoo.com)

As a farmer in rural Clackamas County I am frustrated by the continual increase in regulations and the impact it has had on my rural neighbors.  
Barb Iverson, 5858 S Newman Rd Woodburn OR 97071, [iverson@monitorcoop.com](mailto:iverson@monitorcoop.com)

Oregon Forest Practices were revised in 2017 to widen riparian buffers even though there was not a solid scientific basis or valid model showing a need for or in support of these changes. Today, without a scientifically valid basis, the BOF is being petitioned “to improve protection” for coho salmon. This petition is wholly unwarranted, as the previous modifications to the Forest Practices Act already added more conservatism to existing coho protection measures that were working well. So where’s the problem? Something must be working right, as Coho runs are way up this year and would be even higher if more aggressive action was taken to control seals and sea lion predation. The State could help the coho by increasing management of these predators. Further restricting rural landowner active forest management is not warranted, as it will significantly increase the cost of being a good steward of the land and will hurt rural communities. The actions requested in the 2019 petition will also unnecessarily increase the risk of wildfire, increase the spread of invasive species, significantly reduce forest carbon sequestration, and kill the growth of rural family wage jobs. I urge you to reject this petition.  
Clark Peterson, 2511 Prince St Apt 1 Berkeley CA 94705, [cp@berkeley.edu](mailto:cp@berkeley.edu)

Additional logging restrictions will not contribute to the recovery of OC Coho. Other factors such as ocean conditions, fishing and predators are the real problem at this point. Let the Oregon Plan for Salmon work and reject the petition of radical anti forestry groups who exaggerate almost every issue to get their way  
Mark Buckbee, 781 Garden Grove Dr Roseburg OR 97471, [buckbeefamily@msn.com](mailto:buckbeefamily@msn.com)

We are farmers in the Willamette Valley and believe that forest management is important and necessary for our State. Forests should be taken care of by thinning, logging and replanting of trees taken. The coho salmon is flourishing again because people know what they are doing in the forest and river systems and have protected the fish to ensure the ecosystem is managed. Please do NOT accept the petition that is on your desk relating to Oregon coastal coho salmon.  
Kristi Miller, 34166 Goltra Rd SE Albany OR 97322, [millerk@dswebnet.com](mailto:millerk@dswebnet.com)

This bill is nothing more than control and domination of rural communities the laws and safe guards for habitat already work there is no decimation of salmon its fear mongering to a bigger agenda than saving salmon if you wipe out the middle class county by county the government can walk in and control what they want .also without timber dollars how do they propose they pay for the schools this is a terrible initiative and needs to be tossed in the garbage if the environmentalists get there way we will have a paradise type fire in Oregon  
Melissa Hutnick, 28894 SE Allen Rd Eagle Creek OR 97022, [melissamccaw33@yahoo.com](mailto:melissamccaw33@yahoo.com)

We are 4th generation Oregonians and have spent lives working in the timber industry. My husband has had to change companies multiple times because of the restrictions that have been put on logging and our forests over the years. More restrictions will put more people out of work in our already poverty-stricken county.  
Kym Woolsey, 286 Hornet Ln Grants Pass OR 97527, [kymwoolsey@msn.com](mailto:kymwoolsey@msn.com)

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the data indicating Oregon coastal coho returns are increasing, and for rejecting the petition.  
Doug Cooper, 3922 NW Sitka Pl Corvallis OR 97330, [dougcooper@hamptonlumber.com](mailto:dougcooper@hamptonlumber.com)

And who is paying these Anti Forestry activists? People that probably do not even live here. I'm over it. Let's start with making our state more people friendly, and want people here to work and thrive. No More Regulations!!!  
Barbara Hagedorn, 807 NE Alameda Ave Roseburg OR 97470, [barbara\\_h91@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara_h91@yahoo.com)

please do not add more restrictions!!!  
Joan Weaver, 219 Grant Creek Rd Eddyville OR 97343, [jjaw2000@aol.com](mailto:jjaw2000@aol.com)

We don't need to interfere with what's already working and further hurt Oregon  
Cindy Friesen, 36820 Rock Hill Dr Lebanon OR 97355, [deec.friesen@gmail.com](mailto:deec.friesen@gmail.com)

There are articles stating the coho salmon population is up more than they anticipated.. Our current regulations are working which is wonderful. OR is being regulated out of common sense. I urge you to oppose the petition to increase regulations & the economic devastation it'll have on my local Astoria.  
Cynthanie Rubus, 93027 Amie Loop Astoria OR 97103, [cynthanierubus@gmail.com](mailto:cynthanierubus@gmail.com)

I have several friends who have had great success in fishing for coho salmon in the last month on the south coast. They have related stories of hooking and releasing a great number of native fish and catching good numbers of fin-clipped adult coho.

Jim Carr, 2210 Lewis St North Bend OR 97459, [jcarr@barnesinc.com](mailto:jcarr@barnesinc.com)

We are family forest owners who manage lands in Lane and Douglas County Oregon. Fish streams pass through each of our properties and we have carefully managed harvest as directed by the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The Act was updated with further operating restrictions just two years ago. All indications are that Coho populations are increasing and new protections are not warranted. The existing protections in the FPA are effective and this extreme proposal by activist groups will harm small woodlands owners like us by rendering more of our land off limits to forestry. The petition before the Board of Forestry is unnecessary. We urge you to reject the petition before the Board of Forestry relating to Oregon coastal coho salmon.

Gordon & Gail Culbertson, Whitewater Forests LLC Springfield, OR 97478, [user@votervoice.net](mailto:user@votervoice.net)

After having heard about the petition submitted by environmental groups to increase regulations, I have to ask why. More than enough has been done to improve conditions for Coho salmon. In fact more regulations have been imposed on land owners than is needed. I ask that you reject the petition to increase unnecessary and unneeded regulations for protection of coastal coho salmon.

Craig Herman, 13180 S Carus Rd Oregon City OR 97045, [cjherman@gmail.com](mailto:cjherman@gmail.com)

science says the coho populations are rebounding nicely. there is no need to hamper our industry with more restrictions. please do not increase the regulations.

William Henry, 613 Valley View Rd Sutherlin OR 97479, [bhenry@senecasawmill.com](mailto:bhenry@senecasawmill.com)

If managing the way we have in the recent past has increased population of Coho, then there is no reason to make changes. If it's not broke, no need to fix it.

Trey Simpson, 1923 Broadway Ave North Bend OR 97459, [vernaltrucker@gmail.com](mailto:vernaltrucker@gmail.com)

Please reject this petition! Coho runs are increasing because of the valiant work of the ODFW and others. This is unnecessary regulation that will cause Oregon family wage jobs to disappear...AGAIN. Please! Reject this petition!

Carole Kelley, 75525 Price Rd Rainier OR 97048, [carolekelley59@gmail.com](mailto:carolekelley59@gmail.com)

We can't afford to let special interest groups get their way, by adding more restrictions on forest harvesting. Our forests need to be managed more efficiently, so their health will improve. Further delays will only make it more difficult to make any gains on achieving healthy forests in Oregon.

Bruce Wilcox, 145 W Moore Ave Hermiston OR 97838, [borsky56@charter.net](mailto:borsky56@charter.net)

The restrictions in place are adequate for protecting coho salmon. Oregon does not need more reduced access to our natural resources.

Laurie Hueckman, 63904 Highway 26 John Day OR 97845, [lauriehuc@gmail.com](mailto:lauriehuc@gmail.com)

Please don't restrict anymore forest because of unnecessary pressure from anti-forestry groups, we need to retain and properly manage what we have now.

Janay Trimble, 14566 N Umpqua Hwy Roseburg OR 97470, [3treesthinning@gmail.com](mailto:3treesthinning@gmail.com)

Oregon works. It has worked for decades. Stop your California ignorant destruction of Oregon

Simon Esparza, 200 SW Florence Ave Gresham OR 97080, [simonpesparza@yahoo.com](mailto:simonpesparza@yahoo.com)

The fish population is higher than its ever been our current policy's are working perfectly, please don't let an anti industry group come in and kill what little we have left on the Oregon coast. Tourism will never replace these family wage jobs

Eric Bufka, 2915 Perrydale Rd Dallas OR 97338, [ebufka@aol.com](mailto:ebufka@aol.com)

Please stop the war on Oregon's forest industries! When the forest industry is great, then Oregon is great!

Susana Aravena, 2504 E O Ave La Grande OR 97850, [Alpaca5060@charter.net](mailto:Alpaca5060@charter.net)

The loggers and foresters do more on their own to protect habitat for all animals and the salmon. The added regulations along with any new legislation would make it even harder for the people in the industry to make a living. We already stop working when we get too much rain at once so we are not causing silt and debris from going into the watershed system and to protect the roads and the land from any unnecessary damage. Again the people who work in the woods enjoy and want to see a healthy environment and jobs for our future generations  
Lucky Halcom, 150 NW Douglas St Dallas OR 97338, [blackrockbbque@gmail.com](mailto:blackrockbbque@gmail.com)

These petitions will increase regulations for Oregon coastal coho salmon, having a negative impact on forest management on public and private forestlands. Oregon's coho salmon populations are increasing because the existing rules are working and often, forestland owners take additional precautions to protect fish populations. This petition is unnecessary and will have significant impacts including the loss of timber jobs and increased forest fires due to lack of proper management. Please reject them!

Barbara Anderson, 8784 Roberts Creek Rd Roseburg OR 97470, [flowergirl909@yahoo.com](mailto:flowergirl909@yahoo.com)

We have enough regulations in place. Why do the few have more say than the rest of us. The Board of Forestry has a responsibility to both sides.

Gayle Norona, 20170 Stonegate Dr Bend OR 97702, [gdnorona@gmail.com](mailto:gdnorona@gmail.com)

My husband & I just started our logging business 3 years ago and are trying to build our new business here in the Umpqua Valley. We are members of the Associated Oregon Loggers and just earned our Oregon Professional Logger certification this year. We have completed the hours of education to ensure the preservation of the Salmon in our local streams. Our company works along side many other companies together with the Associated Oregon Loggers to do what is the very best for our local forests, fish, vegetation and wildlife. We are all dedicated to sustainability. Additional unnecessary regulations will only contribute to our already declining industry. We are working hard to build the next generation of loggers and with all the taxes and additional regulations being passed this year it would appear that the State of Oregon just wants to shut us down.

Laura Harvey, 4986 Oak Hill Rd Roseburg OR 97471, [sevenhline@outlook.com](mailto:sevenhline@outlook.com)

We live in the Umpqua National Forest. I have been in the timber industry for 30 years. Every summer we fear wildfire.

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I am 77 years old. I was an avid steelhead and salmon fisherman as a young man. I was also a timber faller. My fondest memories are fishing the Salmonberry river and the Nehalem river. When I was fishing as a young man the lions share of NW Oregon was a stump patch. I vividly remember standing on the Salmonberry River catching world class steelhead and watching the deer and elk on the hillside. The only thing they could hide behind was a clump of vine maple or a stump. There wasn't anything else on the hill. I was truly blessed to be able to enjoy that. It saddens me to see the state of the steelhead population in that river. No it wasn't logging that destroyed it. It was the introduction of Alsea River hatchery frye. It spread the Shasta disease into MY river. Well I considered it mine anyway. I know in the past some logging practices were not the best but those days are long gone. Oregon loggers are good stewards of our rivers. They go above and beyond regulations to protect our rivers. Mismanagement is a much bigger risk to our fish than logging. The Nehalem River had a marvelous run of Fall Chinook in it. In my earlier days of fishing you might see a couple of loggers bobber fishing tide water on it. As years progressed the fishing pressure exploded. I asked Walt Webber the biologist in charge of that river then if it might not be time to consider reducing the bag limit from 2 to 1 salmon per angler per day. He told me there was really no reason to consider this at that time. I quit fishing Fall fish shortly after that. I felt guilty because I knew they were headed for trouble. A very few years later the Nehalem River was closed to fall Chinook fishing. Prior to that the Coho run it it was closed due to low numbers. It wasn't loggers that caused these problems. The problem is logging is a very visual industry. Everyone sees the clear cuts. Its very easy to blame logging for the loss of fish stock. Our salmon have recovered in recent years. Partially because of efforts above and beyond any regulations to protect our fish. Further restrictions and reductions of logging will not benefit the fish but proper management and common sense will. It saddens me to see my chosen industry portrayed as the culprit that did all that harm to our fish.

Please use valid points when considering this legislation. The economy of much of our great state depends on the timber industry and the ripple effect of their spending. Please let this weigh heavy on your decision.

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This petition is over reaching with no credibility. There is no facts that support this claim and it would be over reacting to support this petition at this time. The most recent rules implemented, only two years ago, are working and this petition goes to far.

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We have too many restrictions, rules and regulations, as is. Please do not burden us as taxpayers with additional that will only cost additional funds to manage and enforce. Current practices are working!

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Hello as someone who spends most of my off time in the forest i have concerns with this proposal. I have been up in the mountains after the fires and see the damage it does to the streams and creeks especially after a burn in one of the burn scar areas first burn was bad but the second was worse for the habitat more restrictions on forest management will increase the chance of wildfires. Also the changes to the rules and regulation two years ago seem to be helping in order to verify that the process is successful a study needs to be done for at least 5 years on changes that have been made or are already in place. 10 years would be more ideal, but sometimes adjustments have to be made if something isn't working. Most of the time when more is added it goes past the tipping point of actually helping the environment and actually harms it as we have seen for years with the up kick of forest fires on the standing kindling as many of us call the dead trees standing. I am asking you to reject this petition in order for if the current regulations to fully be realized and studied.

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We as Oregonians cannot stand by and let what land and principles we hold dear be destroyed by some vocal minority activists who do not and/or cannot understand the ramifications that these restrictions will have on the local economies as well as wildlife/wild lands and the environment as a whole. Please reject their petition.

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