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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Public Testimony regarding SB 401

I urge you to vote against moving this bill forward

It represents a direct assault on the public's access and a balanced use of the waters of the state. There are already multiple creeks and rivers designated as wild and scenic which severely limits the use of these areas as a recreational or commercial benefit to most of the population of the State. The severe limitations on activities in areas designated as wild and scenic is creating an ever increasing economic hardship on businesses dependent upon a balanced use of the lands of the state.

Adding a designation to any waterway in the state which precludes multiple uses and users should not be done by simply listing multiple waterways as this bill does. Any additional designations of wild and scenic need to be addressed one river at a time with a scientific justification regarding why it is necessary to do so.

Please refuse to send this bill out of committee.

Sincerely,

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