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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Natural Resources Subcommittee

Re: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants

Senator Frederick: “On June 14th, the Natural Resources Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of three federal grant applications from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services totaling \$2,467,000 for coastal wetlands conservation and restoration projects.

There are three different grant proposals: 1) Tillamook River Wetlands project requests \$467,000 to acquire approximately 73 acres of historic spruce tidal swamp wetlands; 2) Columbia River - South Tongue Point Conservation project requests \$1 million to acquire and conserve approximately 90 acres of coastal wetlands, riparian areas, and conifer forests; and 3) Coquille Valley Wetland Conservation and Restoration project is located at in the lower Coquille River valley near Bandon; local partners are requesting \$1 million to restore and reconnect approximately 10 miles of remnant channels on the Winter Lake and Beaver Slough project.

Local partners for each project will apply to OWEB for grants to act as match to the federal grant requests.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends approval.”