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Statement in Support of SB 198 Independent Scientific Review

When the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds was established by the Oregon Legislature nearly two decades ago, the independent scientific review of state natural resource agency actions and policies was a critical component of that legislation. Over the years, the work of the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team (IMST) was instrumental in assuring that the implementation of the Oregon Plan was based on the best available science.

The IMST served the citizens of Oregon well and their work is available for all of us to use in the future. Now it's time to move to the next phase of independent scientific review.

The proposals spelled out in SB 198 represent a well thought out process for continuing this important work into the future. As an active participant in the development and implementation of the Oregon Plan, I support giving this important work to the Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University.

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