


From the desk of Senator Michael DeMorrow  


## Support SB 1602—Timber & Environmental Interests MOU

June 2020

After filing a series of competing ballot measures last summer, environmental and timber interests realized that participants on both sides were looking for a better path to resolve recurring issues.

Several weeks of negotiations later, the parties reached agreement on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and pesticides legislation for the 2020 short session.

That bill is before you again today as SB 1602, and we urge your support. Points of agreement between the parties are as follows.

### The forest industry coalition agreements:

- Agreed to pursue/support changes to the aerial pesticide application notification, reporting, and stream buffer statutes (SB 1602). Legislation will include new penalties for interfering with helicopter chemical application.
  - Note that this legislation will apply only to forestry application of pesticides by helicopter.
- Upon passage of agreed-upon legislation (SB 1602), we will engage in a post-session mediated process to pursue changes to Oregon's forest practices laws and regulations that are driven by science, have federal assurances, and are therefore durable.
- Agreed to request that the Board of Forestry extend current rules for salmon, steelhead and bull trout streams to streams in the Siskiyou region. This action was completed at the June 2020 Board of Forestry meeting.
- Agreed to stand-down from pursuing our initiative petitions.

### The environmental community agreements:

- Agreed to a complete stand-down from pursuing their initiative petitions.
- Agreed to oppose any new petitions for resource site protection rulemakings (these are typically brought before the Board of Forestry) for aquatic species, during this process.
- Agreed to request that the Board of Forestry table further consideration of last summer's environmental org petition for resource site protection for Coho salmon
- Agreed to support enabling legislation for the MOU and the mediated process outlined above.
- Agreed to support the 2020 pesticide legislative package outlined in the MOU (SB 1602).

#### Environmental Coalition:

Association of Northwest Steelheaders  
Audubon Society  
Beyond Toxics,  
Cascadia Wildlands  
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center  
Native Fish Society  
Northwest Guides and Anglers  
North Coast Communities for Watershed  
Protection

#### Oregon Stream Protection Coalition

Oregon Wild,  
Trout Unlimited (Oregon Council)  
Wild Salmon Center

#### Forest Industry Coalition:

Campbell Global  
Greenwood Resources  
Hampton Lumber  
Hancock NR Group

#### Lone Rock Resources

Oregon Small Woodlands Association  
Pope Resources  
Port Blakely  
Roseburg Forest Products  
Seneca Sawmill Co  
Starker Forests  
Stimson Lumber  
Weyerhaeuser

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