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Oregon is fortunate to be home to such unique and diverse wildlife as wild salmon spawning in Oregon's streams, white pelicans leisurely floating in Klamath marshes, majestic gray whales migrating along the coast and many, many more native fish, wildlife and plant species. It's what makes our state so special. However, because of mounting pressures from climate change and the encroaching pressure of population growth, the truth is that nearly 300 of them are at an elevated risk of extinction.

While the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy are the most effective tools for recovering Oregon's vulnerable species, unfortunately, these programs have been under-funded and under-resourced to meet the growing challenges plaguing fish, wildlife and habitat. That's why we need the Oregon legislature to step up to the plate and prioritize wildlife conservation before it's too late.

Thank you,  
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