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On Behalf

Of:

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Resources

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I am a member of the public who strongly supports the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package and would like to see it included in the ODFW's annual budget. Wildlife rehabilitation centers in Oregon play a vital role in assisting the public with wildlife related issues as well as providing medical and recuperative care for injured or orphaned native wildlife. As a resident of Warrenton, Oregon who hikes my local forests and beaches on a daily basis I often find injured wildlife and am so thankful for the resources and care the Wildlife Center of the North Coast provides. Environmental challenges are imposing great suffering upon our local wildlife. Please please support the efforts of state wildlife rehabilitation and wildlife education organizations as they continue to support our wildlife populations now and into the future.

Sincerely, Kathleen Stratton Zunkel