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Measure: HB3382

HB 3382 is a bad bill that disrupts years of protection for coastal estuaries. The proposed amendment to allow only certain ports to bypass the land use and environmental regulations is not a reasonable compromise. Why should we allow an exception for the sake of fast-tracking dredging that jeopardizes the health of some of the most ecologically important and sensitive waterways on our coast. This bill would weaken the Coastal Zone Management Act, which has balanced development and protection for over 50 years. Estuaries are nurseries for a wide variety of fish and wildlife species, they support tens of thousands of migratory birds and waterfowl, and they are the sites of significant carbon sequestration which are essential to meet Oregon's Climate Goals.