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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

Please support both the Rocky Habitat Stewardship HB3587 and the Eelgrass Action Bill HB3580. When I go to the beach (even though I'm 76 years old) I still enjoy looking at the tide pools. Not only for me but for all of our younger generations that will go forward to enjoy the star fishes, sea anenomes, hermit crabs and other small fishes. We need to conserve our marine ecosystems and prevent habitat loss. Both bills are important for marine biodiversity, tourism, fisheries and wildlife conversation. There are many birds that use these offshore areas (such as Haystack Rock) for nesting, and marine mammals such as baby harbor seals use shores for resting their babies and the mothers are hunting for food.

Please help the marine areas by passing these bills not only for us but our future generations. Once our fish and other wildlife are gone it is so hard to get them back!!!