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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or SB5521
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

The Private Forest Accord provides important protections for fish and stream-dwelling frogs and salamanders, for cold clean water, and for the people who rely on these resources. It takes Oregon out of years of gridlock about how private industrial forests are managed, and brings Oregon closer to the protections that have been standard practice in Washington and California for years.

However, without a federally approved Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan by 2027, these rules roll back entirely to the outdated standards, which I am very concerned about.

Please support full funding in the Oregon Department of Forestry's budget (SB 5521) for two critical PFA programs. The SFISH grant program for small forestland owners should be fully funded at \$10 million and the Adaptive Management Program designed to evaluate the effectiveness of the new rules should be fully funded at \$6 million.

Thanks for your consideration,
Sara Moen