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## Fwd: Proposed Disapproval of Oregon's Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program

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I am writing in favor of the federal agencies Disapproval of the Oregon Program. I am doing this because I am a fisherman and I have seen the logging, road building and run-off from Oregon's in-ability to offer a program of enforcement to protect fish bearing streams of forestry run-off first hand.

Oregon was supposed to do this beginning in 1998. Yet, as of 2013, the salmon and steelhead fish returns to Oregon coastal streams has continued to decline. I would ask you to contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Game with return numbers for the affected rivers and streams.

At the same time, logging and log exports from Oregon coastal ports and increased exponentially without any restraints or restrictions from the state. The State Board of Forestry has had proposals for stream protection come up for review but as of this date, the Board and the Director have rejected all these proposals and the logging and road building have continued. Every new logging road and logging show merely adds more sediment run-off to our streams while increasing the water temperature reducing the oxygen content of our streams.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality seems incapable of taking any positive actions to respond to this situation as well.

Therefore, I think a finding of non-compliance and a judge's order are possibly the only

actions that the federal government can take to force Oregon to act to protect fish.

Thank you for the time you took to read my comments. The fish and sport and commercial fisherman are relying on you to help us protect our Oregon coastal streams from further degradation and pollution.

Sincerely yours,



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