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June 27, 2018

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The Honorable Derek Kilmer
United States House of Representatives
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Re: Lower Elwha Support for Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, S. 483 and H.R. 1285

Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell and Representative Kilmer:

The Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe ("Lower Elwha") strongly supports the proposed Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, S. 483 and H.R. 1285, and appreciates Sen. Murray's and Rep. Kilmer's sponsorship of this important legislation. We believe that it represents a fair compromise between potentially competing interests of preservation, economic use, and recreation.

This legislation creates 126,661 acres of new wilderness and nineteen new wild and scenic rivers designations in the Olympic National Forest, the Olympic National Park and Washington State Department of Natural Resource-managed land. For Lower Elwha, the most important aspect of these new designations is the increased protection for salmon habitat. And we appreciate that it expressly acknowledges the fundamental interests and expertise of all treaty tribes in the restoration of fish habitat. This is an important complement to our ongoing successes, along with our federal and State partners, in restoring Elwha River fisheries in the aftermath of dam removal.

We also appreciate the bills' language that it will in no way alter or abridge treaty rights to fish, hunt, gather, and to access sacred sites within the lands to be protected. Without that

language we would not be able to support these bills regardless of their other benefits. We have reviewed the areas proposed for wilderness designation – most particularly the Gates of the Elwha Wilderness between Highway 101 and the boundary of Olympic National Park – and do not find any potential conflict with access for purposes of exercising treaty rights.

Lower Elwha appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important legislation and requests that we be advised of any hearings that may take place. If you have any questions or comments about our perspective on this legislation, please feel free to contact us promptly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Frances G. Charles, Chairwoman
Lower Elwha Tribal Business Committee

cc: Lower Elwha Business Committee
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Chair Haaland and Members of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests
and Public Lands,

As an organization with a 125-year history dedicated to conserving outdoor
access and promoting a love of the mountains, the Mazamas wishes to express
our strong support for the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers
Act (H.R. 2642 and S. 1382). We much appreciate your consideration of the bill
during the Subcommittee hearing scheduled for July 10, 2019.

The mountains of the Olympic Peninsula provide tremendous outdoor recreation
opportunities, including hiking and climbing destinations that are regular
features in the Mazamas calendar of outings. By designating 126,661 acres of the
Olympic National Forest as wilderness, the Act gives permanent protection to
areas valued by climbers, including the proposed additions to the Mount
Skokomish Wilderness. These designations will, in turn, benefit conservation
efforts in Olympic National Park and existing wilderness areas on the Peninsula
by distributing visitors across a larger number of locations.

The designations in the Act will also benefit the economy of the Peninsula and
the state. Engagement of stakeholders has led to revisions aimed at protecting
timber jobs. The wild and scenic river designations will help sustain the shellfish
industry. The recreation opportunities will contribute to the \$26.2 billion in
annual consumer spending and 201,600 jobs directed supported by outdoor
recreation in Washington. The Act makes financial sense for the state.

Few who visit the Olympic Peninsula ever forget its wild beauty. As hikers and
climbers, we are drawn to return to its peaks again and again. It is truly a unique
place, providing a home to over two dozen plants and animals found nowhere
else on Earth. Passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic
Rivers Act will allow current and future generations to experience the natural
wonders of the Peninsula, while protecting the species and industries that have
long called it home.

Thank you again for your support of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and
Scenic Rivers Act.

Sincerely,

Sarah Bradham
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June 17, 2018

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Our Tribe is aware that the Act enables recreational use of these lands. While we always have some concerns regarding possible overuse and/or misuse of these lands and river systems we believe it is important to provide outdoor education opportunities sensitive to the ecological nature of these lands and the preservation of habitat for indigenous fish, wildlife and plant species. The Act excludes USFS roads from the proposed wilderness and preserves access to roads and trails, as needed for both tribal and non-tribal citizens.

We believe that nothing in this Act precludes Tribal Treaty-protected Rights, including access for hunting, fishing and gathering as well as co-management rights on ceded and Usual & Accustomed lands, and certain exclusive access rights to identified sacred areas.

We have provided supportive input to this Act in the past, and continue to seek cooperation with other governments, as well as all citizens who abide by all rules and regulations and are cognizant and supportive of Tribal culture, customary practices and management rights.

As stated in the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission's "Treaty Rights at Risk" report, "Salmon recovery is based on the crucial premise that we can protect what habitat remains while we restore previously degraded habitat conditions. Unfortunately, significant investments in recovery may not be realized because the rate of habitat loss continues to outpace restoration. The resulting net decline in habitat demonstrates the federal government's failure to protect the Tribes' treaty-reserved rights." In an era where we are witnessing unprecedented rollbacks of environmental safeguards on federal public lands, the Wild Olympics legislation would permanently protect some of the healthiest, intact salmon habitat left on the Peninsula.

It is our heritage and cultural principles to protect the lands and waters Nature provides, as well as the natural resources she sustains. Therefore, we do continue to support and urge swift passage of the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2017.

Sincerely

W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chair/CEO



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Fawn R. Sharp, President
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June 17, 2019

Representative Raul M. Grijalva
Chairman, House Natural Resources Committee
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Representative Rob Bishop
Ranking Member, House Natural Resources Committee
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Dear Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Bishop:

On behalf of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition, we write to encourage you to support several bills that would collectively protect more than 1,000 miles under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. These proposals would protect and enhance some of America's most special free-flowing rivers and the iconic landscapes they flow through. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition represents nearly 40 local, state and national organizations from across the country that support Wild and Scenic River protection and stewardship. We urge your committee to schedule hearings and mark up for the bills that have been introduced this Congress and would expand our nation's Wild and Scenic Rivers system including the following:

- **Wild Olympics (H.R. 1642).** Washington state's Olympic Peninsula includes free-flowing rivers that babble through ancient forests. Such stunning scenery not only provides world-class recreational opportunities for whitewater boaters and hikers, it protects critical salmon and steelhead habitat and safeguards clean drinking water sources. With a history of more than ten years of grassroots support, this bill would designate 19 new Wild and Scenic Rivers, plus their tributaries, and more than 125,000 acres of wilderness.
- **York River Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 2019 (H.R. 1248).** The York River watershed sustains a rich tapestry of natural areas, fish and wildlife habitat, drinking water supplies, and numerous archaeological sites. The rivers in the watershed provide quality habitat for one of the largest smelt spawning migrations in southern Maine and support an active commercial fishing industry important to the area's economy, character, and history. This bill is supported by the York River Study Committee, a diverse group of local stakeholders that have been engaged in studying the river for designation for over three years.
- **Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Study Act (H.R. 37).** This bill would protect the source of the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee and the heart of water supplies for central Florida. After decades of restoration and spending nearly \$1 billion, over 63,000 acres of wetlands has been re-established within the watershed for fish, wildlife, and flora. This bill would protect that investment by authorizing a study to assess inclusion of the river in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The same bill was passed by the U.S. House on suspension in April 2018.
- **Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act (H.R. 2250).** From fog-shrouded redwood forests to crystalline turquoise pools, Northern California is home to some of the most stunning landscapes. This bill protects local wild lands, expands recreational opportunities, and restores

- impacted watersheds by designating 379 miles of new Wild and Scenic Rivers, establishing eight new wilderness areas and expanding nine existing ones.
- **Central Coast Heritage Protection Act (H.R. 2199).** The product of years of discussion and negotiation between business leaders, conservationists, elected officials, ranchers, mountain bikers and other stakeholders, this bill will ensure clean water for thriving communities, protect critical wildlife habitat and stimulate a vibrant local economy. It safeguards 159 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, designates nearly 250,000 acres of wilderness and creates two new scenic areas in California's Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument.
 - **San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 2215).** Despite nearby gorgeous rivers, forests and mountains just to the north, Los Angeles residents are some of the most park-poor in the country. This bill spurs outdoor recreation by connecting park-poor areas, especially communities of color, to open space. It establishes a National Recreation Area along the San Gabriel River, protects 45.5 miles of rivers in Southern California, designates more than 30,000 acres of wilderness and expands the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

By moving these bills forward, Congress can advance legislation that will protect and preserve America's wild rivers. We strongly urge the United States House of Representatives to pass these rivers bills before the 116th Congress adjourns. We anticipate that additional bills will be introduced this Congress that could potentially include protections for rivers in Montana, New Mexico, and other states. As these efforts come to fruition and legislation is introduced, we urge that you promptly schedule hearings and subsequent mark up. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Re: Year-end public lands priorities

Dear Senator Cantwell:

As Washington-based outdoor businesses and outdoor recreation nonprofits with deep membership bases in Washington, we write to extend our tremendous gratitude for your efforts to advance a package of public lands bills before the end of the 115th Congress. Your efforts have helped advance an impressive number of bills of significance to the outdoor recreation community to a point where a package, including key priorities like LWCF permanent reauthorization and full-funding, appears within reach.

As you work to assemble and advance this package, we ask you to consider the priorities of our community, attached, which include several bills of particular significance for Washington: Wild Olympics, Mountains to Sound Greenway, and Methow Headwaters. That these bills have progressed to a point where their passage in this Congress appears a real possibility is a credit to your leadership, and we are hopeful to see them become law this year.

Among the bills of greatest significance for our businesses and members, we would like to highlight one, in particular, where we most need your leadership to help bring this across the finish line. Recreation Not Red-Tape (S. 1633/H.R. 3400) is a significant piece of legislation that the entire outdoor recreation community has been working to advance in this Congress. RNR would support state offices of outdoor recreation; improve the availability of recreation passes; improve the special-use permitting process; enhance recreation opportunities for service members and veterans; and strongly improve public lands management for recreation in a variety of ways. Most importantly, the bill would help to facilitate the protection of new areas on public lands expressly because of their value for outdoor recreation and the outdoor recreation economy.

While RNR has not had the opportunity for Senate hearing, the bill has passed out of the House Natural Resources Committee with strong bipartisan support, including from some of the strongest advocates for recreation and conservation from both parties.

As you work to bring this Congress to a close with a major win for conservation and recreation, we would look with particular gratitude on any efforts you could make to help enact this key bill into law.

Best regards,

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***Statement of John Sterling, Executive Director, The Conservation Alliance
Regarding S. 483, the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act;
S. 1959, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act;
S. 2721, the San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act;
S. 2809, the Emery County Public Land Management Act;
S. 2907, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act;***

***Submitted to the Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining Senate Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
For the Record of the legislative hearing held on August 22, 2018***

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in response to the bills included in the legislative hearing on August 22. The Conservation Alliance is a group of more than 225 businesses that support and engage in conservation measures that benefit outdoor recreation. We are particularly interested in five of the bills included in the hearing.

S. 483 – Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (Senator Murray)

The Conservation Alliance strongly supports S. 483, the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Patty Murray, would protect 126,554 acres of the Olympic National Forest as wilderness and designate 19 rivers and their major tributaries as Wild and Scenic. This area is a Washington treasure that provides exceptional outdoor experiences. For our customers seeking unspoiled, backcountry adventures from the high peaks to the deep river valleys harboring old-growth forests, the Wild Olympics is a world-class destination enjoyed by local residents and visitors from around the world. This conservation initiative is also an investment in our region's economic future. Across Washington, direct consumer spending on outdoor recreation adds \$21.6 billion annually to the state's economy, and supports 200,000 jobs. We have witnessed impressive growth in the number of visitors to the protected public lands of the Olympic Peninsula over the past five years. In 2017, more than 3.4 million visitors came to the Olympic Peninsula supporting 3556 jobs in gateway communities like Port Angeles and Forks. Many Conservation Alliance members are based in close proximity to the Wild Olympics, and their employees take advantage of the opportunities these forests, mountains, and rivers offer. The quality of life and proximity to these areas is a primary reason that this region is attractive to businesses in the outdoor recreation industry. This balanced legislation is good for outdoor recreation and Washington's economy.

S. 1959 – Central Coast Heritage Protection Act (Senator Harris)

The Conservation Alliance strongly supports S. 1959, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Kamala Harris, would designate 245,665 acres of new and expanded wilderness in the Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument, protect Wild and

Scenic rivers, and establish the Condor National Recreation Trail. Visitors from around the world come to these coastal mountains and grasslands to hike, backpack, camp, bird-watch, ride horses, hunt, fish, kayak, and mountain bike. As with S. 483, several Conservation Alliance member companies are based in close proximity to the lands and rivers proposed for protection. These places are important to company employees and customers who cherish the recreation opportunities offered by these forests, mountains, and rivers. Our members on California's Central Coast often point to the high quality of life supported by these lands and rivers as an important factor in recruiting and retaining quality employees. This legislation is good for outdoor recreation and California's economy.

S. 2721 – *San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act* (Senator Bennet)

The Conservation Alliance strongly supports S. 2721, the San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Michael Bennet, would provide better management and protections for lands in San Miguel, Ouray and San Juan counties in southwestern Colorado. The bill would protect 60,000 acres in the heart of the San Juan Mountains by expanding and designating Wilderness for the Mt. Sneffels Range, Lizard Head area and McKenna Peak. The bill would also ensure management protections for areas including Ice Lakes Basin, Vermillion Peak and Naturita Canyon. S. 2721 has been more than a decade in the making. The bill was first introduced in 2009 and again in 2013, where it received bipartisan support in both Houses of Congress. The current legislation has widespread support from local business owners, outfitters, ranchers, and local elected officials, including unanimous backing from the three county commissions (Ouray, San Juan, and San Miguel) where these lands are located.

S. 2809 – *Emery County Public Land Management Act* (Senator Hatch)

The Conservation Alliance recognizes that the Emery County Public Land Management Act of 2018, introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch, takes an important step toward legislating protections for public lands in Emery County. We appreciate the collaborative approach Senator Hatch has implemented in developing this legislation and his earnest efforts to engage the outdoor business and recreation community. S. 2809 goes a long way toward protecting key outdoor recreation amenities in Emery County. The bill would designate roughly 530,000 acres of Wilderness, 330,000 acres of National Conservation Area, and 54 miles of Wild and Scenic River. We appreciate that the bill, while releasing 14,000 acres of Wilderness Study Area, would designate roughly 100,000 acres non-WSA lands as Wilderness. We also recognize that, in the process of drafting the bill, Senator Hatch made important modifications to the legislative language that will avoid precedent-setting changes to conservation laws and to the management of our public lands.

Though Senator Hatch has introduced a bill that would protect much of the San Rafael Swell and surrounding lands and rivers, we want to call your attention to several areas that are left unprotected by the legislation. These places have high outdoor recreation values that, if added to the legislation, would dramatically improve the bill from the standpoint of outdoor recreation.

- **Muddy Creek Wilderness:** The southern boundary of the proposed Muddy Creek Wilderness area should extend to the southern border of Emery County. This remote area has outstanding wilderness characteristics consistent with the lands to the north proposed for Wilderness

designation. This entire area is currently proposed for NCA designation. Making the whole area Wilderness would provide unique opportunities for a remote outdoor recreation experience.

- **Labyrinth Canyon:** As currently drafted, the legislation would designate the west side of Labyrinth Canyon as a combination of NCA and Wilderness. Labyrinth Canyon is an iconic outdoor recreation destination most worthy of Wilderness protection. There are a small number of mountain bike routes clustered on the northern end of the proposed NCA. We suggest you extend the existing Wilderness boundary north to the southern edge of those mountain bike routes. Doing so would preserve existing recreation opportunities, while ensuring Wilderness protection for more of Labyrinth Canyon.
- **Upper Muddy Creek:** The stretch of Muddy Creek that flows southeast from I-70 to the proposed Muddy Creek Wilderness is notable for its hiking and paddling opportunities. We encourage you to add this portion of the creek, and the largely roadless landscape that surrounds it, to the proposal. We suggest that the northern part of this addition, which contains a long stretch of Muddy Creek, be designated NCA. The southern portion of this area is contiguous with the proposed Muddy Creek Wilderness, and should also be designated Wilderness. This area is easily accessible from I-70 and existing county and BLM roads, providing efficient access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

We'd also like you to ensure that the bill fully preserves the January 2017 settlement agreement that resolved a legal challenge over the BLM's 2008 Richfield Travel Management Plan and was signed by the Trump administration and several conservation and recreation groups. The BLM is obligated under the terms of that settlement to revise the 2008 Travel plan. New conservation designations should fully preserve the letter and the spirit of that agreement.

Finally, we hope to see the bill modified to ensure that the Ute Indian Tribe is not impacted by the land exchanges proposed in the legislation. We also encourage you to reach an agreement with the Ute Indian Tribe that will add another 16 miles of Wild and Scenic River designation for the stretch of the Green River that flows adjacent to the reservation. It is our understanding that the tribe has legitimate concerns about how a Wild and Scenic designation might impact their water rights. We are not experts on the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, but know that the Omnibus Oregon Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 includes language that ensures protection for the water rights of the tribes adjacent to the rivers designated by that bill. You might consider adding similar language to the Emery County bill in an effort to alleviate the tribe's concerns, and protect more of the Green River.

Thank you for considering these additions to the Emery County legislation. We hope this bill can be a model for protecting public lands for their outdoor recreation and conservation values, and the above changes would be a big step toward that goal.

S. 2907, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act (Senator Udall)

The Conservation Alliance strongly supports S. 2907, the Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act. This legislation, sponsored by Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, would protect one of New Mexico's greatest cultural and historic treasures: Chaco Canyon. The bill would ensure the protection of Chaco ruins and the greater landscape surrounding the Chaco Culture National Historic Park by

withdrawing over 316,000 acres of federally managed minerals from future oil and gas leasing and development. Chaco Canyon is an iconic destination for visitors to explore America's cultural history, and this bill would preserve that opportunity for future generations.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these views for the Subcommittee's consideration. Please contact John Sterling at (541) 389.2424 or john@conservationalliance.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sterling", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**Statement of John Gilroy, Director, U.S. Public Lands and Rivers Conservation,
The Pew Charitable Trusts, regarding**

H.R. 252, the Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act;

H.R. 2199, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act;

H.R. 2215, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act;

H.R. 2250, the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act; and

H.R. 2642, the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

For the Record of the legislative hearing held on July 10th, 2019 in the

House Committee on Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

The Pew Charitable Trusts seeks to preserve ecologically and culturally diverse U.S. public lands and rivers through federal and state administrative protections, legislative designations, the defense of bedrock conservation laws, and restoring America's National Parks System. We thank the Committee for holding today's hearing.

Pew supports H.R. 252, the Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act; H.R. 2199, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act; H.R. 2215, the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act; H.R. 2250, the Northwest CA Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act; and H.R. 2642, the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

To accomplish our goals, we work closely with conservation groups, recreation organizations, local businesses, local governments, and other stakeholders to develop and advance collaborative proposals for public lands protection. Each of these five bills is the result of such an effort. They have been developed over many years of collaborative efforts in California, Nevada, and Washington, resulting in durable local solutions that protect public lands and rivers in a manner that fits the needs of local communities.

Pew supports the Pershing County Economic Development and Conservation Act (H.R. 252).

Representative Amodei's bill represents a balanced, bipartisan approach to conservation that has emanated from a locally driven process where a group of diverse parties were able to advance their viewpoints and come to a result that will improve conservation, land management, and the local economy. H.R. 252 would designate new wilderness areas, consolidate checkerboard lands, and resolve other longstanding public lands issues in Pershing County, protecting areas of significant ecological value while providing new opportunities for economic development.

Pew strongly supports the conservation designations in this bill. H.R. 252 would provide wilderness protection for approximately 136,000 acres of land in Nevada's Great Basin desert, conserving critical wildlife habitat, dramatic landscapes, geologic wonders, and outdoor recreation opportunities. These seven new wilderness areas will permanently protect magnificent high desert landscapes with pinyon-juniper forests, sagebrush valleys, rugged canyons, and dramatic mountains that are home to a variety of wildlife such as sage grouse, pronghorn, mule deer, and bighorn sheep.

We have previously expressed concerns with some of the bill's other provisions. While we describe these concerns below for the record, we note that all stakeholders have been working together in good faith to resolve them, and we are confident that each of these issues can and will be resolved soon as the result of this constructive dialogue.

Section 304 would release 48,600 acres of Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), permitting development to take place on lands that are currently managed for their conservation values. Section 103(f)(1)(B) would make 150,000 acres of federal land available for sale. That land, along with land conveyed elsewhere under Title II could result in an increase in industrial development. While Pew would not support these changes in land management or ownership on their own merits, we recognize and appreciate that these provisions are balanced by the significant conservation gains in the rest of Title III. We have also previously expressed concerns with section 103, which permits land exchanges on an acre-to-acre basis rather than a value-to-value basis which is more commonly used for the exchange of federal and non-federal land.

Pew recognizes the need to resolve the long-standing checkerboard ownership pattern of land in Pershing County. We support the intent of these conveyances, which will help to consolidate the checkerboard of federal and non-federal ownership by removing partially-encumbered land from the federal estate and using the proceeds to acquire other land in the county, including land that will assist the Bureau of Land Management in implementing its public-interest management goals, including conservation and recreation.

We believe that stakeholders are close to identifying solutions to each of these issues and look forward to working with Mr. Amodei and the committee to incorporate those solutions into a subsequent draft of this bill.

Pew supports the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act (H.R. 2199).

Representative Carbajal's legislation has, over several Congresses, been sponsored by members of both parties. Originally introduced by former Representative Elton Gallegly and then by former Representative Lois Capps, the Central Coast Heritage Protection Act is supported by a diverse coalition of businesses, community leaders, and conservationists, has been extensively vetted, and is deserving of the Committee's favorable consideration.

H.R. 2199 would protect approximately 244,000 acres of forest and grasslands as wilderness and 160 miles of rivers as Wild & Scenic in the Los Padres National Forest and the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The bill would also establish two Scenic Areas encompassing approximately 35,000 acres.

These various designations will help preserve the region's quality of life by protecting clean sources of water and valuable wildlife habitat while promoting the local economy.

Known for its iconic oak woodlands, coastal mountains, and the nearby Channel Islands, the Los Padres National Forest provides habitat for some 468 species of wildlife, including the California condor and Southern steelhead, and is also home to two endemic plant species. Further inland, the Carrizo Plain National Monument encompasses native grasslands that are home to Pronghorn and Tule elk.

Pew supports the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act (H.R. 2215).

Pew spent many years working closely with Representative Chu, her constituents, and many local conservation organizations to protect the San Gabriel Mountains. This initial effort resulted in the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument in October of 2014. We believe expanding the existing monument by approximately 109,000 acres, designating some 31,000 acres of wilderness and 45 miles of Wild & Scenic rivers, and establishing a new National Recreation Area are worthwhile goals and support the passage of this legislation.

Pew supports the Northwest CA Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act (H.R. 2250).

Representative Huffman's bill offers a balanced and commonsense approach to protecting special wild lands while also addressing concerns about forest fires, local jobs, and environmental damage caused by illegal activities on national forest lands. H.R. 2250 would protect some 260,000 acres of wilderness and another 51,000 acres of potential wilderness, designate 380 miles of Wild & Scenic Rivers, and create a new 730,000-acre Restoration Area.

Northwest California's unique landscape ranges from towering redwood forests near the coast to old growth Douglas-fir forests, oak woodlands and grasslands, and wild rivers. The region's well-being depends on the health of its forests, rivers, and streams. Already home to the Trinity Alps Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers such as the Smith and the Trinity, the area has a strong recreation economy that draws outdoors enthusiasts from around the world to hike, paddle, and fish. The public lands and waters addressed in the bill are some of the region's most pristine and protecting them will allow them to remain in their natural state for future generations, safeguard important habitat for endangered salmon and steelhead populations, and maintain important watersheds.

In addition to these conservation gains, H.R. 2250 addresses the concerns of multiple constituencies. It enhances recreational opportunities both within and outside of the proposed wilderness areas to help further strengthen local economies. It also requires a new coordinated fire management plan for all the designated wilderness areas and would help protect local communities by creating a series of "roadside" shaded fuel breaks in the proposed South Fork Trinity-Mad River Restoration Area. These treatments would include the ability to thin neglected forest plantations, thus providing additional opportunities for the local forestry industry. Finally, the proposal seeks to address the environmental and health risks posed by abandoned illegal activities in these forests.

Pew supports the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (H.R. 2642).

Representative Kilmer's bill would permanently conserve 126,661 acres of Wilderness and add 19

rivers to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. It protects sources of clean drinking water and critical salmon and steelhead habitat. It preserves and expands access and opportunities for world-class hiking, camping, boating, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation, creating new economic opportunities for the Olympic peninsula while protecting existing timber jobs.

This carefully balanced, community-driven compromise legislation is the result of an exhaustive, multi-year public process featuring extensive local input including the local timber industry and timber communities. It is the result of hundreds of meetings with local stakeholders in every community on the Peninsula. The final proposal will permanently protect the best of the Olympic Peninsula's spectacular public lands without a loss of timber jobs or recreational access. As a result, H.R. 2642 enjoys broad, enthusiastic public support, with endorsements by over 700 local Olympic Peninsula & Hood Canal region businesses, Tribes, CEOs, farms, conservation & recreation organizations, local elected officials, and religious and community leaders. The bill is strongly supported by some of the Peninsula's largest employers, including Taylor Shellfish Farms, Sequim Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Ocean Gold Seafoods, Intellichek Mobilisa Inc., and others who depend on the clean water, ancient forests and stunning scenery protected by this bill to attract and retain skilled workers, visitors, new residents, educators, health care professionals, and grow the local economy.

The bill has also been endorsed by more than 75 local & regional outdoor recreation businesses and groups, including Olympic Raft & Kayak (Port Angeles), Sound Bikes and Kayak (Port Angeles), Hood Canal Adventures (Union), Port Townsend Cyclery (Port Townsend), North Coast Surf Inc. (Ocean Shores) The Mountaineers, Pacific Alpine Guides, the Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, REI, Patagonia, Outdoor Research, American Whitewater, and others. Finally, the bill enjoys the strong support of more than 30 leading sportsmen groups and local hunting & fishing guides, including the Northwest Guides & Anglers Association, Izaak Walton League, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Washington Wildlife Federation, Northwest Steelheaders, Piscatorial Pursuits Guide Service (Forks), Johnson Guide Service, (Sequim), Angler's Obsession (Forks), Mike Z's Guide Service (Forks) Waters West Fly Fishing Outfitters (Port Angeles), SAGE Fly Rods (Bainbridge), Washington River Fishing (Hoodsport) & Waters West Guide Service (Montesano), Bad Ash Fishing Guide Service (Tahola) and others.

Conclusion

Pew appreciates the opportunity to submit these views for the Subcommittee's consideration, and we would welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee to improve these bills. Please contact John Seebach at (202) 540-6509 or jseebach@pewtrusts.org if you have any questions regarding our views on this legislation.

The 115th Congress has an opportunity to support conservation and outdoor recreation by passing well-developed and vetted legislation to protect special landscapes and waters, ensure adequate funding to manage and acquire lands, and improve public lands management. Our three organizations, which represent outdoor businesses and recreationists, request that Congress work to pass the following bills in the balance of 2018.

NATIONWIDE

Permanent Reauthorization and Full Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund ([H.R. 502](#) / [S. 569](#))

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provides funds and matching grants to federal, state, and local governments to acquire lands and waters for recreation and habitat. For more than 50 years, LWCF has supported recreation and conservation across the country, and the program—which Congress allowed to expire in September—enjoys an almost unprecedented level of bipartisan support. Reauthorization bills have passed out of committee in both the House and Senate.

Recreation Not Red Tape Act ([S. 1633](#) / [H.R. 3400](#))

Introduced by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Congressman Rob Bishop (R-UT), the Recreation Not Red Tape Act (RNR) would protect and improve outdoor recreation on our public lands. The bill helps improve permitting for outfitters and guides, adds a recreation mission to land management agencies currently lacking one, directs land managers to be evaluated in part on how they meet recreation objectives, and helps facilitate stewardship by creating new volunteer opportunities and improving cross-jurisdictional trail maintenance. The House bill has passed out of committee with strong, bipartisan support.

Restore Our Parks Parks/ Restore Our Parks and Public Lands Act ([S. 3172](#) / [H.R. 2584](#))

With more than 200 cosponsors in the House and 33 in the Senate, this bipartisan legislation is supported by the administration and offers a thoughtful solution to the growing problem of deferred maintenance on our public lands. Much of this backlog affects recreation, and without swift action, it will continue to have a negative effect on our nation's iconic recreation assets and the millions of outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy them each year. Bills have passed out of House and Senate committees. The bill's purposes should be expanded to include maintenance needs on National Forests as part of its ultimate passage.

CALIFORNIA

California Desert Protection and Recreation Act ([S. 32](#) / [H.R. 857](#))

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Representative Paul Cook (D-CA-8) introduced legislation to protect 278,230 acres of Wilderness, expand Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks, and designate 77 miles of new Wild and Scenic Rivers in the California Desert. The bill would enhance wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation while enabling renewable energy development. The House bill has passed, and the Senate companion has passed out of committee with bipartisan support.

COLORADO

San Juan Mountains Wilderness Act ([S. 2721](#))

Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced legislation to provide better management and protections for lands in San Miguel, Ouray, and San Juan counties in southwestern Colorado. The bill would protect

60,000 acres in the heart of the San Juan Mountains by expanding and designating Wilderness for the Mt. Sneffels Range, Lizard Head area, and McKenna Peak. The bill would also ensure management protections for areas including Ice Lakes Basin, Vermillion Peak, and Naturita Canyon, and thoughtfully addresses the needs of local mountain bikers. The bill has had a hearing in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

MONTANA

Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act ([S. 941](#) / [H.R. 4644](#))

Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) and Representative Greg Gianforte (R-MT) introduced legislation to permanently withdraw federal mineral rights on public land in Custer Gallatin National Forest. The bill would protect 30,000 acres of National Forest Lands adjacent to the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park from industrial scale gold mining. The bills have both passed out of committee with strong bipartisan support.

NEW MEXICO

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Conservation Act ([S. 441](#))

Senators Tom Udall (D-NM) and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) introduced legislation to designate eight Wilderness areas within the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument totaling 241,067 acres. Eighty percent of the proposed Wilderness is already managed as recommended Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area, and management changes created by the bill will help to address the needs of the climbing community. The areas that would be protected include sky island mountains, native Chihuahuan Desert grasslands, caves, limestone cliffs, and winding canyons that draw visitors to Doña Ana County. The bill has passed out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee with bipartisan support.

OREGON

Oregon Wildlands Act ([S. 1548](#))

Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced the Oregon Wildlands Act to secure Wilderness protection for 107,800 acres in the Wild Rogue and Devil's Staircase areas. The bill would also designate 252 miles of wild and scenic rivers, preserve 119,120 acres of the Rogue Canyon and Molalla rivers as National Recreation Areas, and protect the Chetco River from mining activity. These protections are of key significance for protecting riverrunning opportunities in southern Oregon. The bill passed out of committee with bipartisan support.

TENNESSEE

Tennessee Wilderness Act ([S. 973](#) / [H.R. 2218](#))

Senators Lamar Alexander (R-TN) and Bob Corker (R-TN) and Representative David Roe (R-TN-1) introduced legislation to protect 19,556 acres of public land in Tennessee's Cherokee National Forest as wilderness. The bill would preserve premium hiking areas including stretches of the Appalachian Trail.

UTAH

Emery County Public Land Management Act of 2018 ([S. 2809](#) / [H.R. 5727](#))

Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Representative John Curtis (R-UT-3) introduced legislation to protect public lands in Emery County, Utah for their conservation and outdoor recreation values. The bill seeks to protect nearly one million acres of public land, including more than 530,000 acres of Wilderness, 380,000 acres of Recreation Area with mineral withdrawal, and 63 miles of Wild and Scenic River. While some issues remain to be resolved with this bill, we are hopeful for their resolution in a fashion timely for passage this Congress. Bills have moved through committee in both the House and Senate.

WASHINGTON

Methow Headwaters Protection Act ([S. 566](#))

Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA) and Patty Murray (D-WA) introduced legislation that would withdraw 340,079 acres of federal land within the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest from any mining activity. The area supports a thriving outdoor recreation economy and myriad recreation opportunities. The bill has passed out of committee in the Senate.

Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Act ([S. 713](#)/[H.R. 1791](#))

Introduced by Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA) and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), the Mountains to Sound NHA would help provide coordinated management for public lands invaluable for a diversity of outdoor recreation activities along the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River east of Seattle. Mountains to Sound has passed the House of Representatives and has been reported out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act ([S. 483](#) / [H.R. 1285](#))

Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) and Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA-6) introduced legislation to protect 126,000 acres of Wilderness and 469 river miles on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. The legislation would preserve salmon streams and wild lands adjacent to Olympic National Park.

September 5th, 2018

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
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Dear Chair Murkowski and Lee and Ranking Member Cantwell and Wyden:

We are writing as members of the Wild Olympics Campaign in strong support of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (S. 483) being considered by your Committee as part of the congressional hearing held on August 22, 2018. Please submit these comments as part of the official hearing record.

The Wild Olympics Campaign is a local, Olympic Peninsula-led coalition including nine founding-member organizations who have been working since 2008 to protect wild forests, rivers and upper watersheds on the Olympic Peninsula. These watersheds provide local communities with clean water, world class outdoor recreation opportunities, local economic benefits, and sustain our outstanding Peninsula way of life. They are vital to the health of Hood Canal and Puget Sound and are critical habitat for wildlife, steelhead and salmon. The campaign works with other local Olympic Peninsula citizens and community leaders to establish new Wilderness and Wild and Scenic river designations for these natural treasures.

Wild Olympics Campaign Members include the following organizations:

- Olympic Park Associates
- Olympic Forest Coalition
- Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society
- North Olympic Group — Sierra Club
- Washington Wild
- The Mountaineers
- The Pew Trusts
- American Rivers
- American Whitewater

Wild Olympics Legislation

The Wild Olympics legislation as introduced by Senator Patty Murray and Representative Derek Kilmer would designate the first Wilderness on Olympic National Forest in more than 30 years and the first ever Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Olympic Peninsula. Specifically, the legislation would protect 126,661 acres of federal land managed by the Olympic National Forest. It would also designate 19 new Wild and Scenic Rivers plus their tributaries on Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park.

The legislation would also protect critical fish and wildlife habitat. The remote headwaters on Olympic National Forest are sensitive spawning grounds for salmon, cutthroat, summer steelhead, bull trout and other species. Elk, bear and other wildlife rely on unfragmented, unroaded forests to thrive.

The Wild Olympics bill would help protect the economic future for the Olympic Peninsula. Our streams and waterways support a vibrant fishing and shellfish industry, attract millions of dollars in tourism annually, support a thriving outdoor industry and provide clean drinking water to our residents. Local business leaders recognize that the stunning scenery and a high “Quality of Life” provides direct economic benefits by attracting entrepreneurs, new residents and investment in our communities. The legislation has been crafted to protect these economic benefits while, at the same time, having no impact on existing timber jobs in local communities. Extensive changes and boundary adjustments were made in response to input and concerns from the local timber industry and the Forest Service to ensure the proposal would not impact available timber base under current Forest Service regulations and practices.

The upper and middle watersheds protected by the Wild Olympics legislation provide clean and safe drinking water for local communities and tens of thousands of residents of Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Sequim. Protecting these intact forests ensures that the quality and relatively inexpensive water will continue to be provided from these forested headwaters in the future.

The legislation protects and expands world-class outdoor recreation opportunities like hiking, camping, paddling, climbing, hunting and fishing. Residents and visitors alike spend their money at local businesses on the Olympic Peninsula, eating at local restaurants, finding lodging, stopping for gas and purchasing supplies for their outdoor pursuits. Attractions include Olympic National Park (which ranks fifth in visits of all national parks), the Quinault and Hoh Rainforests, mountain biking the Dungeness – Gold Creek loop trail system, paddling the whitewater of the Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers and hiking popular trails like Lena Lake and hiking among cathedral old growth forests in the South Fork Skokomish.

These free-flowing rivers and streams are also vital to the long-term health and recovery of Hood Canal and Puget Sound. They provide clean, cold water vital to the Peninsula’s Shellfish industry and the hundreds of local residents they employ. Acting to safeguard our healthy watersheds now is far less costly than restoring degraded watersheds later. By granting these natural treasures the permanent protection they lack today, this legislation makes a down payment on the economic future of generations to come.

Public Process: Reaching Out to Local Stakeholders Early and Often

The Wild Olympic Campaign’s goal has been to develop a conservation plan crafted through local public input that is tailor-made for the diverse local recreation, access and economic needs of the Olympic Peninsula. Our campaign has worked with the offices of Senator Murray, Representative Kilmer and former Congressman Norm Dicks for more than five years to craft a carefully balanced proposal that provides the strongest possible protection for salmon habitat, clean water and recreational opportunities while accommodating input concerns and requests from a broad array of diverse local communities and stakeholders.

The final compromise proposal is the result of an exhaustive, multi-year public process on the Olympic Peninsula including extensive local community input from Tribes, conservation groups, timber communities, business leaders, shellfish growers, farmers, local elected officials, hunters, anglers, mountain bikers, hikers, federal & state land managers & general public.

From 2009 – 2013 the Campaign and the offices of Representative Kilmer, Senator Murray and former Congressman Norm Dicks conducted more than 500 small group or individual meetings with local stakeholders in every community on the Peninsula, including multiple meetings with the staff and Commissioners of Port of Port Angeles to get feedback and input on different drafts of the proposed legislation.

As a result of listening to local communities and local stakeholders early and often, a number of significant adjustments were made to previous proposals resulting in the current balanced legislation that sits before

your Committee. The final proposal is a common sense solution to permanently protect best of Olympic Peninsula's spectacular public lands - without costing timber jobs or recreational access.

Strong and Growing Local Support

The Wild Olympics legislation enjoys broad and strong local support on the Olympic Peninsula and the Hood Canal region. More than 12,000 local residents who live in the counties of the 6th Congressional district closest to the proposal have signed a petition supporting the Wild Olympics proposal. These residents of Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor, Mason, Kitsap and western Pierce Counties understand the connection between protecting the wild places that are a significant part of the quality of life they enjoy. The ancient forests, clean water, wildlife and access to recreational opportunities are a major reason of why they choose to live, work and play in this incredible landscape. For a summary of the local individual support for the proposal please see Appendix A.

Because of the inclusive process in crafting the legislation, over 800 local Olympic Peninsula & Hood Canal region businesses, farms, CEO's, conservation and recreation organizations, sportsmen organizations, locally elected officials and religious leaders have endorsed The Wild Olympics proposal. A total of more than 80 current and former local elected officials have endorsed Wild Olympics including but not limited to the Mayors of Port Angeles, Hoquiam, Elma, Port Townsend, Ocean Shores; current & former Commissioners from all four Olympic Peninsula Counties including all three Jefferson County Commissioners; State Representatives Tharinger and Chapman whose legislative district represents the majority of the lands and gateway communities within our proposal; and a majority on the City Councils of Port Angeles, Sequim, and Port Townsend. Nearly 30 leading hunting and fishing organizations & local guides have endorsed, including Washington Council of Trout Unlimited, Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and local hunting & fishing guides like Northwest Guides & Anglers Association, Piscatorial Pursuits, Waters West Guide Service and Little Stone Flyfisher Guide Service. More than 20 other outdoor recreation user groups and organizations have also endorsed the legislation including Washington Trails Association, Evergreen Mountain Bike Association, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Access Fund, Washington Climbers Coalition and Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Club. Nearly 550 local businesses have endorsed the proposal including Taylor Shellfish, Ocean Gold Seafoods, Sage Manufacturing, Intellicheck Mobilisa Inc, Sound Bikes and Kayak and Pacific Alpine Guides. For a full list of endorsements for the Wild Olympics legislation please see Appendix B. For a list of testimonials by local opinion leaders and key stakeholders see Appendix C.

Economic Impacts

Senator Murray, Representative Kilmer and former Congressman Dicks worked to ensure that the final legislation will not impact any timber jobs. The Wild Olympics legislation is also carefully designed to protect and grow local and state outdoor recreation industry. Outdoor recreation in Washington State generates \$26.2 billion in annual consumer spending and supports more than 200,000 direct jobs. The Olympic Peninsula, with Olympic National Park and the adjacent Forest Service lands and rivers, is an important piece of Washington's outdoor recreation picture. As a result, the legislation enjoys strong support from the Outdoor Industry Association, Conservation Alliance, Outdoor Alliance and more than 40 other local outdoor oriented businesses, outfitters and guides.

Furthermore, permanent protection for public lands helps attract new residents, entrepreneurs and investments that create local jobs that grow the local economy. A November 2012 report by the independent, non-partisan Headwaters Economics Institute entitled "West Is Best: Protected Lands Promote Jobs and Higher Incomes - How Public Lands in the West Create a Competitive Economic Advantage" makes this point well. That report found that protected public lands are key to attracting companies, entrepreneurs and workers and

that national parks, national monuments, wilderness areas and other protected public lands in the Western US have enhanced the competitive advantages of high-tech and professional services companies – a major reason why the western economy has outperformed the rest of the U.S. economy in employment, population, and personal income over the last four decades. This is one of the driving reasons why so many business leaders and large employers on the Olympic Peninsula have voiced their strong support for the proposal – see their testimonials in appendix C.

The legislation also protects rivers and streams vital to the future of Washington’s fishing and shellfish industries. Washington State shellfish growers support jobs for hundreds of area residents and provide an estimated \$270 million economic impact statewide. Taylor Shellfish, based on the Olympic Peninsula, has endorsed the legislation because it would ensure that cold, clean, silt-free water will continue to flow into Puget Sound and nourish their industry.

Recreational Access

One reason that members of the Wild Olympics Campaign work so hard to protect the wild places on the Olympic Peninsula is so that current and future generations can enjoy them. Preserving and enhancing recreational access has been an important goal for the legislation introduced by Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer.

Local recreational users and other interests have been extensively consulted in the development of the Wild Olympics legislation resulting in a number of accommodations to originally proposed wilderness boundaries in response to local needs. Roads and trails can be maintained and existing uses of the rivers and forests will be protected and enhanced. No forest service system roads are included within the Proposed Wilderness. This ensures continued access and consistency with the Olympic National Forests’ ongoing access and travel management process which makes all decisions related to road maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. We appreciate that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has decided to include this legislation in its recent hearing. We look forward to additional congressional action on this bill in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Olympic Forest Coalition

Bob Phreaner
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Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society

Thomas O’Keefe
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The Mountaineers

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APPENDIX A: Wild Olympics Campaign Petition Signers

Grassroots Comments Analysis (as of 8/24/18)

Jefferson County		2,270
City	#	
Brinnon	46	
Chimacum	99	
Nordland	56	
Port Hadlock	114	
Port Ludlow	109	
Port Townsend	1773	
Quilcene	73	
Subtotal:	2,270	

Total Comments		
Source	#	
6 CD (Petition DB)	12,151	
Non 6 CD Subtotal:	8,766	
Unknown	179	
Total:	21,096	

Clallam County		2,506
City	#	
Beaver	4	
Carlsborg	28	
Clallam Bay	4	
Forks	36	
Gardiner	1	
Joyce	12	
La Push	3	
Neah Bay	5	
Port Angeles	1217	
Sekiu	4	
Sequim	1192	
Subtotal:	2,506	

Grays Harbor County		2,810
City	#	
Aberdeen	1090	
Amanda Park	6	
Copalis Beach	24	
Copalis Crossing	2	
Cosmopolis	68	
Elma	298	
Grayland	42	
Hoquiam	497	
Malone	6	
Markham	1	
McCleary	76	
MoClips	15	
Montesano	259	
Nielton	3	
Oakville	19	
Ocean City	2	
Ocean Shores	240	
Pacific Beach	20	
Quinault	3	
Satsop	6	
Westport	133	
Subtotal:	2,810	

Mason County		472
City	#	
Allyn	62	
Belfair	177	
Grapeview	40	
Hoodsport	69	
Lilliwaup	26	
Matlock	5	
Shelton*	1026	
Skokomish	3	
Tahuya	37	
Union	53	
Subtotal:	1,498	

* While Shelton is the largest and only incorporated town in Mason County, it is just outside the 6th CD

Kitsap County (6 CD)	
	2,357
City	#
Bainbridge Island	293
Bremerton	747
Burley	10
Hansville	20
Indianola	26
Keyport	5
Kingston	109
Manchester	9
Olalla	48
Port Gamble	5
Port Orchard	505
Poulsbo	268
Seabeck	52
Silverdale	230
Suquamish	30
Subtotal:	2,357

Pierce County (6 CD)	
	1,736
City	#
Fircrest	22
Fox Island	27
Gig Harbor	455
Lakebay	37
Lakewood	52
Longbranch	1
Tacoma	1023
University Place	98
Vaughn	17
Wauna	4
Subtotal:	1,736

Recreation Tags	
Only for Web Pettiions since 1/15	#
Hiker	4487
Hunter	424
Angler	1178
Climber	917
Paddler	1600
Mountain Biker	886
Horseback Rider	512
Business Owner	509
Faith Leader	152
Tribal Member	86
TOTAL:	10751

APPENDIX B: Wild Olympics List of Endorsements

Total Endorsements
803

The following individuals/organizations support the conservation vision of the Wild Olympics Campaign to protect watersheds on the Olympic Peninsula through proposed wilderness and Wild and Scenic designations

Current and Former Elected Officials (84)

WA State Senator Christine Rolfes (Dist. 23)
WA State Representative Sherry Appleton (Dist. 23)
WA State Representative Drew Hansen (Dist. 23)
WA State Representative Steve Tharinger (Dist.24)
WA State Representative Mike Chapman (Dist.24)
Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias
Jefferson County Commissioner David Sullivan
Jefferson County Commissioner Kathleen Kler
Jefferson County Commissioner Katie Dean
Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido
Kitsap County Commissioner Robert Gelder
Mason County Commissioner Terri Michels Drexler
Aberdeen City Councilmember Jeff Cook
Aberdeen City Councilmember Frank Gordon
Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Sarah Blossom
Bremerton Mayor Greg Wheeler
Bremerton City Councilmember Leslie Daugs
Elma Mayor Jim Sorensen
Hoquiam Mayor Jasmine Dickhoff
Hoquiam City Councilmember Brenda Carlstrom
Hoquiam City Councilmember Denise Anderson
Ocean Shores Mayor Crystal Dingler
Ocean Shores City Councilmember John Martin
Poulsbo Mayor Becky Erickson
Port Angeles Mayor Sissi Bruch
Port Angeles Deputy Mayor Kate Dexter
Port Angeles City Councilmember Mike French
Port Angeles City Councilmember Lindsey Schromen-Wawrin
Port Orchard City Councilmember Fred Chang
Port Townsend Mayor Deborah Stinson
Port Townsend Deputy Mayor David J. Faber
Port Townsend City Councilmember Michelle Sandoval
Port Townsend City Councilmember Ariel Speser
Sequim City Councilmember Candace Pratt
Sequim City Councilmember Bob Lake
Sequim City Councilmember Ted Miller
Sequim City Councilmember Jennifer States
Westport City Councilmember Louis Summers
Westport City Councilmember Melissa Huerta
Tacoma City Councilmember Ryan Mello
Former Clallam County Commissioner Mike Doherty
Former Grays Harbor County Commissioner Frank Gordon
Former Jefferson County Commissioner Phil Johnson
Former Jefferson County Commissioner John Austin
Former Kitsap County Commissioner Josh Brown
Former Mason County Commissioner Ross Gallagher

Former Mason County Commissioner Lynda Ring-Erickson
Former Grays Harbor County Commissioner Al Carter
Former Ocean Shores Mayor Garland French
Former WA Secretary of State Ralph Munro
Former Aberdeen City Councilmember Alan Richrod
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Kristen Hytopoulos
Former Bainbridge Island City Mayor Steve Bonkowski
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Anne Blair
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Bob Scales
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember Debbi Lester
Former Bainbridge Island City Councilmember David Ward
Former Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Roy Runyon
Former Bremerton City Council President Jim McDonald
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Faye Flemister
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Carol Arends
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Nick Wofford
Former Bremerton City Councilmember Adam Brockus
Former Hoquiam City Councilmember Richard Pennant
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Dan Overton
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Ed Engel
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Jackie Fara
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember John Lynn
Former Ocean Shores City Councilmember Gordon Broadbent
Former Port Orchard City Councilmember Carolyn Powers
Former Port of Port Townsend Commissioner Brad Clinefelter
Former Port Townsend Mayor David King
Former Port Townsend City Councilmember Mark Welch
Former Port Townsend Councilmember Catharine Robinson
Former Port Townsend City Councilmember Pamela Davis
Former Poulsbo City Councilmember Linda Berry-Maraist
Former Sequim City Mayor Ken Hays
Former Sequim City Councilmember Laura Dubois
Former Sequim City Councilmember Genaveve Starr
Former Shelton City Commissioner Mike Olsen
Former Shelton City Commissioner Tracy Moore
Former Westport City Councilmember Desiree Dodson
Former Westport City Councilmember Robert Shelton
(deceased)

Hunting & Fishing Interests (28)

ABLE Guide Service (Sekiu)
Anadromy Fly-Fishing Guide Service (Forks)
Angler's Obsession (Forks)
Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Bad Ash Fishing Guide Service (Taholah)

Bob's Piscatorial Pursuits (Forks)
Brazada's Fly Fishing
Doug Rose Fly Fishing (Forks) (*deceased*)
Game On! Guide Service (Shelton)
Greater Seattle Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America
Gig Harbor Fly Shop (Gig Harbor)
Greywolf Flyfishing Club (Sequim)
Little Stone Flyfisher (Port Townsend)
Mike Z's Guide Service (Forks)
Norrie Johnson Guide Service (Sequim)
Northwest Guides and Anglers Association
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics (Forks)
Peninsula Sportsman Guide & Outfitting Service (Port Townsend)
Sea Run Pursuits
Sportsmen for Wild Olympics (Aberdeen)
Washington Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
Washington Council of Trout Unlimited
Washington River Fishing (Hoodsport)
Washington Wildlife Federation
Waters West Guide Service (Montesano)
Waters West Fly Fishing Outfitters (Port Angeles)
Wild Steelhead Coalition (Quilcene)

Other Recreation Interests (22)

Access Fund
American Alpine Club
American Canoe Association
American Whitewater
Conservation Alliance
Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
International Mountain Bicycling Association
Mazamas
Olympic Peninsula Paddlers Club
Outdoor Alliance
Outdoor Industry Association
Paddle Trails Canoe Club
Peninsula Wilderness Club (Bremerton)
The Mountaineers
Visit Kitsap Peninsula (Silverdale)
Washington Alpine Club
Washington Climbers Coalition
Washington Kayak Club
Washington Recreational River Runners
Washington Trails Association
Winter Wildlands Alliance

Business Endorsements (549)

Local CEO's (10)

Michael Bryan-Brown, BSCE, Green Mountain Technologies
(Bainbridge Island)
Jim Nall, Paladin Data Systems (Poulsbo)
Steve Rice, Rice Fergus Miller Inc. (Bremerton)
Jordan Eades, HOPE Roofing & Construction
(Port Townsend)
Kelsey Marshall, Grounds for Change (Poulsbo)
Bret Wirta, Holiday Inn Express & Conference Center
(Sequim)
Travis Campbell, Sage Manufacturing (Bainbridge Island)
Bill Taylor, Taylor Shellfish Farms, Inc. (Shelton)
William H. Roof, Ph.D, Intellicheck Mobilisa, Inc.
(Port Townsend)
James Thomas, President, MasQs, Inc (Shelton)

Outdoor Industry Businesses (58)

Adventures Through Kayaking (Port Angeles)
All Points Charters & Tours (Port Angeles)
American Alpine Institute
Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA)
B. I. Cycle Shop (Bainbridge Island)
Back of Beyond Outfitters (Bainbridge Island)
Ben's Bikes (Sequim)
Bicycle Works (Bremerton)
Bike Garage (Port Angeles)
Bike Tech (Tacoma)
Blue Horizons Paddlesports (Hoodsport)
Bob's Bike (Port Townsend)
Brian's Sporting Goods and More (Sequim)
Broken Spoke (Port Townsend)
Brooks Sports
C.C. Filson, Co.
Cascade Designs
Classic Cycle (Bainbridge Island)
Conti's Custom Rods
Daddy O's Board Shop (Gig Harbor)
Deep Sea Charters, Inc (Westport)
Dungeness Kayaking (Sequim)
Egan Associates
Exotic Hikes/Outdoor Society (South Sound)
EXPED
Experience Olympic LLC. (Port Angeles)
Footloose Communications
Hood Canal Adventures (Union)
Kayak Brinnon (Brinnon)
Mike's Bikes (Sequim)
Nikwax NA
North Coast Surf Inc. (Ocean Shores)

Old Town Bicycle Inc. (Gig Harbor)
Olympic Bike & Skate (Port Orchard)
Olympic Outdoor Center (Port Gamble)
Outdoor Research
Pacific Alpine Guides (Port Angeles)
Patagonia
Perpetual Motion NW
Port Townsend Cyclery (Port Townsend)
Poulsbo Running (Poulsbo)
Pygmy Sea Kayaks (Port Townsend)
REI
Runner Girl Races, LLC
Schoeller Textiles
Shelton Outfitters (Shelton)
Silverdale Cyclery (Silverdale)
Sound Bikes & Kayak (Port Angeles)
Sport Townsend (Port Townsend)
Strait Scuba (Port Angeles)
Steepwater Surf Shop (Westport)
Tacoma Bike (Tacoma)
The ReCyclery (Port Townsend)
Waterway Adventures (Ocean Shores)
Waypoint Outdoor
Wilderness Outdoor Store (Bainbridge Island)
Williwaw (Port Townsend)
Zumiez

Local Businesses & Economic Leaders (457)

2 Blocks Up Café (Bremerton)
2 Margaritas Family Mexican Restaurant (Union)
5th Avenue Furniture (Sequim)
A Fine Line Press (Clallam Bay)
A Kitchen That Works (Bainbridge Island)
A Natural Approach (Aberdeen)
A1 Auto Parts (Sequim)
Action Built Construction (Port Angeles)
Al Carter Consulting (Hoquiam)
AlanHil Graphics (Aberdeen)
Alba Creative (Port Townsend)
Alchemy Bistro (Port Townsend)
Alder Wood Bistro (Sequim)
All Blinged Out (Montesano)
Amore Restaurant (Aberdeen)
Angeles Brewing Supply (Port Angeles)
Anime Kat (Port Angeles)
Arlan's Oven (Westport)
Art Talks (Shelton)
Around Again (Port Angeles)
Ayers Automotive (Allyn)
Auto Valve (Sequim)
Backstage Café (Hoquiam)

Bailey Signs & Graphics (Port Angeles)
Baja Cantina (Sequim)
Bay City Sausage Market (Aberdeen)
Bay Gifts (Ocean Shores)
Baymont Inn & Suites (Bremerton)
Bazaars Girls Yarn Shop (Port Townsend)
Beach Boutiques (Ocean Shores)
Becky Translates (Sequim)
Belfair Marine (Belfair)
Belfair Maytag Laundry (Belfair)
Belfair Variety & Nursery (Belfair)
Bella Boutique (Hoodsport)
Better on You (Union)
Big Cloud (Hoquiam)
Big Wolf Trading Company (Port Townsend)
Bike Path Bungalow Vacation Renta (Port Angeles)
Bliss Salon Co. & Apparel (Port Angeles)
Blue Whole Gallery (Sequim)
Bottle Zone (Port Townsend)
Bowman Financial Group (Shelton)
Brady's Oysters (Aberdeen)
Bread of the Presence (Shelton)
Brennan Van Blair LLC (Port Angeles)
Brett's Stump Grinding (Port Townsend)
Brocante (Port Angeles)
Burger Stand (Hoodsport)
Burlap & Grain Market (Ocean Shores)
Butterfly's Café (Shelton)
C.J. Automotive (Ocean Shores)
C & S Grocery (Elma)
Cady Lake Manor Bed & Breakfast (Belfair)
Captian Lee, LLC (Union)
Carol Wise, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)
Casper's Pizza and BBQ (Belfair)
Cellar Door (Port Townsend)
Cheema Market (McCleary)
Cheri Raab's Body Shop (Port Townsend)
Cherry Blossom (Port Townsend)
Chirp & Company (Tacoma)
Chrey Fine Jewelry (Bremerton)
Christian Kazimir Construction (Ocean Shores)
Christy Carwell Salon Stylist (Port Angeles)
Chubby Glass & Friends (Belfair)
Cigar Land Ltd. (Belfair)
Circle and Square Auto Care (Port Hadlock)
Clark's Chambers Bed & Breakfast (Sequim)
Cloud Nine (Ocean Shores)
Clothes Horse (Port Townsend)
Coastal Serenity (Ocean Shores)
Coastline Signs (Aberdeen)
Cock-a-Doodle Doughnuts (Port Angeles)

Collective Visions Gallery (Bremerton)
Common Grounds Cafe (Port Angeles)
Cooper Studios (Shelton)
Country Aire Natural Foods (Port Angeles)
Country Relics (Allyn)
Cove RV Park & Country Store (Brinnon)
Cracked Bean Coffee Co. (Sequim)
Cranberry Motel & RV Park (Westport)
Creative Framing (Sequim)
Creekside Inn (Hoodsport)
Crossfit Thunder Ridge (Port Angeles)
Cucina Pizza (Port Ludlow)
Cuts on the Run Barbershop (Forks)
D & R Theatre (Aberdeen)
D-L Summers Inc. (Westport)
David Goetze Photography (Quilcene)
Deanna's Hair Design (Port Townsend)
Dee's Seafood (Shelton)
Dennise Wells, Premier Realty Westport, LLC (Westport)
Designs by Nora (Lilliwaup)
Dog Townsend (Port Townsend)
Dolores' & Fay's (Ocean Shores)
Domaine Madeleine Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)
Domike Consulting (Hoquiam)
Don's Pharmacy (Port Townsend)
Doormouse Boutique (Ocean Shores)
Doug's Place (Shelton)
Dragoun's Leir (Belfair)
Dynasty Chinese Restaurant (Port Angeles)
Dungeness Gold Spices and Sauces (Sequim)
Dungeness Kids Co. (Sequim)
Eagle Harbor Books (Bainbridge Island)
Easy Street Coffee and Tea House (Port Angeles)
Econolodge Inn & Suites (Hoquiam)
Ecstatic Dance (Port Angeles)
Eden By the Sea Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)
El Sarape 3 (Shelton)
El Sombrero Family Mexican Restaurant (Belfair)
Eldon Store (Lilliwaup)
Electric Beach Salon (Port Angeles)
Elevated Ice Cream Co. (Port Townsend)
Elma Dollar & Thrift (Elma) Elma Nail (Elma)
Elton Bennett Art (Hoquiam)
Emerson Grocery (Hoquiam)
Emily's Confections (Pacific Beach)
Events on Emerson (Hoquiam)
Face of Grace (Port Townsend)
Favorite's Fresh Produce (Aberdeen)
FEAST Culinary Studio (Port Townsend)
Fiddleheads (Port Angeles)
Fieldnotes (Sequim)
First Cabin (Ocean Shores)
Food Coop (Port Townsend)
Forest Aldrich, Codwell Banker (Port Townsend)
Forest Gems (Port Townsend)
Forever Young (Aberdeen)
Framing by Leslie (Port Angeles)
Framing Source (Port Angeles)
Frank Gordon Electric (Aberdeen)
Fresh Market (Ocean Shores)
Fudd's Fish and Chips (Sequim)
Full Moon Candle (Sequim)
Fusions Art Gallery (Hoquiam)
Gallerie Timbaktu (Ocean Shores)
Gateway Games & Hobby (Sequim)
Gateway Gaming Center (Port Angeles)
George Kenny School of Woodcarving (Allyn)
Getables (Port Townsend)
Give Me Paws (Ocean Shores)
Glamour Girl Salon (Port Townsend)
Gnarley Dog Farm (Quilcene)
Goin' to the Dogs (Sequim)
Good to Go Natural Grocery (Port Angeles)
Gordon's Antiques & Collectibles (Ocean Shores)
Gourmet Burger Shop (Gig Harbor)
Gray's General Store (Hoquiam)
Grays Harbor Dance (Hoquiam)
Green Eyeshade (Port Townsend)
Grove Street Brewhouse (Shelton)
Hair by Nancy G (Ocean Shores)
Half Moon Bay Bar & Grill (Westport)
Handcrafter's Hideaway (Ocean Shores)
Harbinger Winery (Port Angeles)
Harbor Medical Collective (Sequim)
Harborwood Designs (Montesano)
Harriet Reyenga – Realtor (Port Angeles)
Heartland Handicraft/Arts (Aberdeen)
High Tide Body Art (Ocean Shores)
Hixsonville Oddities & Collectables (Brinnon)
Holly's Fine Flowers (Port Townsend)
Holm's Heritage Painting And Boat Works (Port Townsend)
Home Staging & Styling (Port Townsend)
Hoodsport Coffee Company (Hoodsport)
Hood Canal Event (Union)
Hood Canal Travel, Inc. (Belfair)
Hope's (Shelton)
Hosstyle Inc. (Aberdeen)
Howell's Sandwiches (Port Townsend)
Hoquiam Chiropractic (Hoquiam)
Hoquiam's Castle (Hoquiam)
Hoquiam Liquor Store (Hoquiam)
Huber's Inn (Port Townsend)

Hurricane Coffee Company (Sequim)
Impact Studios (Hoquiam)
Inn at Waterfront Place (Port Townsend)
Inside Passage Seeds (Port Townsend)
Inspired Gift Shop (Port Angeles)
Iron Apparel (Port Angeles)
Islander Resort and RV Park (Westport)
Jackson's SignArt Studio (Port Angeles)
Jackson Street Books (Hoquiam)
Jaiwa Web Design & Consulting (Aberdeen)
JB's RV Park & Campground (Hoquiam)
Jenn's Fashion cents (Shelton)
Jennifer Watson Hair Stylist (Hoodsport)
Jillian Marie Shea, CPA (Port Ludlow)
Jim Blake, Architect (Hoquiam)
Jiminez Produce (Ocean Shores)
JK Treasures (Belfair)
JLS Partners LLC (Hoquiam)
Joglo (Port Townsend)
Jose's Famous Salsa (Sequim)
JT's Skate Shop (Aberdeen)
K & R Store (Union)
Karen's Quilt Shop (Sequim)
Kaydee Duncan, Realtor (Sequim)
Kohler Jewelry (Port Angeles)
La Belle Creperie (Port Angeles)
Ladies & Gents Barbershop (Elma)
La Place Sur La Mer (Port Angeles)
Laughing Gnome Pottery (Port Townsend)
Laurie Christian Real Estate (Ocean Shores)
Lavish (Sequim)
Le Plume Boutique (Port Angeles)
Lehani Inc., (Port Townsend)
Little Hoquiam Childcare (Hoquiam)
Little Mountain Pet Grooming (Port Angeles)
Lively Olive Tasting Bar (Port Townsend)
LoBo Designs (Sequim)
Loge Co. (Westport)
Lorna Valdez – Realtor (Ocean Shores)
LT Educational Consulting (Port Townsend)
Lucky Star (Sequim)
Lynch Creek Floral (Shelton)
Lytle Seafood (Hoquiam)
M & G Mariner Café (Sequim)
M.H. Olsen Construction (Shelton)
Ma and Pa's Kettle Corn (Montesano)
Mac's Bar and Cardroom (Aberdeen)
Mad Hatter (Port Townsend)
Mad Maggie Boutique & Salon (Sequim)
Madera Building LLC. (Bainbridge Island)
Maestrale (Port Townsend)
Magpie Alley (Port Townsend)
Mari Meds (Belfair)
Marina Café (Port Townsend)
Mariner's Cove Inn (Westport)
Marni's Petal Pushers (Montesano)
Martin Bruni Liquor (Ocean Shores)
McGovran Management Group (Port Ludlow)
McPhee's Grocery (Port Angeles)
Metro Bagels (Port Townsend)
Michael's Seafood and Steakhouse (Port Angeles)
Mike's Beach Resort on Hood Canal (Lilliwaup)
MK Appraisal (Port Townsend)
Mom's Laundromat (Port Townsend)
Moran Oil Enterprises (Port Townsend)
Mosquito Fleet Winery (Belfair)
Moxie's Boutique (Port Angeles)
Mr. Bill's Collectible World (Belfair)
MRD Subway Group (Port Townsend)
Museum of the North Beach (Moclips)
Mystery Decals (Port Angeles)
Mystery Bay Farmhouse (Nordland)
Namaste (Ocean Shores)
Nature's Best (Shelton)
New Day Eatery (Port Angeles)
North Beach Community TV (Aberdeen)
North Beach Medical Equipment (Ocean Shores)
North Beach Printing (Ocean Shores)
Northwest Editors (Hoquiam)
Northwest Fudge and Confections (Port Angeles)
Northwest Man (Port Townsend)
Nourish (Sequim)
NW Fox (Port Angeles)
Ocean Auto (Hoquiam)
Ocean Companies (Westport)
Ocean Shores Boathouse (Ocean Shores)
Ocean Shores Electric Boats (Ocean Shores)
Ocean Shores Kites (Ocean Shores)
Octopus Gardens (Port Townsend)
Odysseus Restaurant (Westport)
Off the Walls Gallery (Shelton)
Oh Susanna's Bed and Breakfast (Sequim)
Oishi Teriyaki (Montesano)
Old Town Flowers (Allyn)
Olsen Furniture (Shelton)
Olympic Inn (Aberdeen)
Olympic Lavender (Sequim)
Olympic Marine Co. (Port Angeles)
Olympic Mountain Ice Cream (Shelton)
Olympic Stained Glass (Port Angeles)
Olympic Stationers Inc. (Port Angeles)
Olympic Trading Post (Port Townsend)

One Hundred Horses Raku (Port Townsend)
OP Anglers Real Estate (Port Angeles)
Organics 101 Market (Montesano)
Original House of Pizza (Westport)
Over the Fence (Sequim)
Overboard Espresso (Westport)
Owly's Wayside Nest (Hoodsport)
Owl Spirit Coffee (Port Townsend)
Pacific Bay International, Inc. (Sequim)
Pacific Rim Hobby (Port Angeles)
Paparazzi (Belfair)
Paraffine USA LLC (Bainbridge Island)
Pat's Style and Trim Inc. (Aberdeen)
PC Pit Stop (Belfair)
Peabody's Paradise Pizza (McCleary)
Penny Saver Market (Port Townsend)
People's Emporium Antiques (Aberdeen)
Perfect Addiction Espresso LLC. (Hoodsport)
Petal Pushers Florist (Belfair)
Petals Flower Shop (Port Townsend)
Peters Marine (Port Townsend)
Phase6Productions & Airbnb (Port Angeles)
Pho Thai LLC (Port Townsend)
Phoenix Rising (Port Townsend)
Pic-A-Roon Pelican Gift Shop (Westport)
Pieces of Time (Sequim)
Pipeline Construction Company (Lilliwaup)
Pippa's Real Tea (Port Townsend)
Plackett Enterprises (Ocean Shores)
Port Book and News (Port Angeles)
Port Townsend Antique Mall (Port Townsend)
Port Townsend Watercraft, LLC (Port Townsend)
Porthole Pub & Grill (Ocean Shores)
PourHouse (Port Townsend)
Praxis Printing (Hoquiam)
Prima Materia (Port Townsend)
Princess Valiant Coffee (Port Angeles)
Printery Communications (Port Townsend)
Pro Video (Westport)
Propolis Brewing (Port Townsend)
Psychic Intuitions (Belfair)
PT Adventure School (Port Townsend)
PT Shirt Company (Port Townsend)
PTeRider (Port Townsend)
Pure Clothing (Ocean Shores)
Purse-Onality Attracts (Belfair)
Quality Assured Computer Services (Sequim)
Quality Inn and Suites (Sequim)
Quartz Vein (Port Townsend)
Queen B Quilts (Hoquiam)
Quimper Sound (Port Townsend)
R. Vanyi Photography (Hoquiam)
Rainshadow Recording (Port Townsend)
Ravensara Espresso (Gig Harbor)
Ravenstone Tiles (Port Townsend)
Ray's Barber Shop (Belfair)
Red Caboose Getaway (Sequim)
Red Dragonfly (Port Townsend)
Red Step Studio (Bremerton)
Rest-A-While RV Park (Hoodsport)
Rick Brown – Realtor (Sequim)
Ridgewalker Photography (Carlsborg)
Rob's Shellfish (Shelton)
Rosie's Taqueria (Hoquiam)
Roy Nott, Business Leader (Hoquiam)
Running Wolf Studio (Moclips)
Russell Johnson Photography (Port Townsend)
Salon DeLucca (Port Townsend)
San Juan Classic Day Sailing (Port Townsend)
Sandcastle Restaurant (Ocean Shores)
Sandy's Kitchen Shop (Sequim)
Savory Faire (Montesano)
Scoops Ice Cream (Aberdeen)
Scout & Merc (Port Angeles)
Sea Cliff Gardens Bed and Breakfast (Port Angeles)
Sea J's Café (Port Townsend)
Seabreeze Artist's Gallery (Ocean Shores)
Seagulls Nest Motel (Westport)
Seashore Ceramic Café (Ocean Shores)
Seaweed (Ocean Shores)
Sequim Beauty Salon (Sequim)
Sequim Health and Rehabilitation (Sequim)
Sequim Smoke Shop (Sequim)
Sequim Spice and Tea (Sequim)
Sergio's Mexican Restaurant (Sequim)
Sharky's (Ocean Shores)
Shelton Inn (Shelton)
Shelton Music (Shelton)
Silver Sands Motel (Westport)
Simply Said Flowers (Hoquiam)
Sirens Pub (Port Townsend)
Snore & Whisker Motel (Hoquiam)
Sofie's Florist (Sequim)
Sonya's Bayside Barber (Poulsbo)
SOS Printing (Port Townsend)
Sparket R&R (Port Angeles)
Spider & Twig (Port Townsend)
Sophia Petricola Massage (Port Townsend)
Steven Fey Gallery & Studio (Bainbridge Island)
Still Water Studios (Bremerton)
Stiches By Stiches (Aberdeen)
Strait Music (Port Angeles)

Strait Slice Pizza (Port Angeles)
Studio 125 Salon (Shelton)
Summer house Design (Port Townsend)
Sunrise Meats (Port Angeles)
Super 8 Motel (Port Angeles)
Super Natural NW (Belfair)
Swallow's Nest Antiques (Sequim)
Sweet and Salty (Port Angeles)
Tanglewoods Floral Boutique (Ocean Shores)
Taylor Station Restaurant and Lounge (Shelton)
Taylor Towne Store (Shelton)
That Takes the Cake (Sequim)
The Berry Patch (Bainbridge Island)
The Boiler Room (Port Townsend)
The Candle Store (Port Townsend)
The Computer Shop (Hoquiam)
The Dusty Trunk (Ocean Shores)
The Framing Source (Port Angeles)
The Glenacres Historic Inn (Westport)
The Good Book (Sequim)
The Hair Studio (Port Townsend)
The Hardware Distillery Company (Hoodsport)
The INN at Gig Harbor (Gig Harbor)
The Local Yarn Shop (Sequim)
The Lotus Swan (Shelton)
The Maritime Inn (Gig Harbor)
The Orchard At Three Rivers (Forks)
Old Whisky Mill (Port Townsend)
The Perfect Season (Port Townsend)
The Reppery (Aberdeen)
The Rusting Rooster (Sequim)
The Tides Restaurant (Hoodsport)
Threadz Consignment (Belfair)
Tijssen Designs (Ocean Shores)
Tinderbox Coffee Roasters (Westport)
TLC Pet Salon (Belfair)
Todd's Shoe Repair (Shelton)
Top of the Cork (Allyn)
Townsend Electric (Port Townsend)
Treasure Way Antiques (Hoquiam)
Tropical Tanning Salon & Boutique (Hoquiam)
True Tech Home Inspection LLC (Belfair)
Tsunami Gems & Beads (Ocean Shores)
Turning Leaf Physical Therapy (Gig Harbor)
Twice As Nice Treasures (Belfair)
UDJAT Beads (Port Angeles)
Unorthoblox, LLC (Neilton)
Uptown Art & Antiques (Port Townsend)
Uptown Pub (Port Townsend)
Urraco Coffee (Shelton)
Velocity Café (Port Townsend)

Victorian Vacation Rental (Port Angeles)
Vintage Dragonfly (Belfair)
VTKA Hair & Nails (Port Townsend)
Wallyworks Enterprises (Port Townsend)
Wandering Wardrobe (Port Townsend)
Weatherly Shores (Ocean Shores)
Westbay Auto Parts (Belfair)
Westport Gardens (Westport)
Westport Marina Cottages (Westport)
Westside Pizza (Port Angeles)
What's Cooking (Port Townsend)
What's In Store (Port Angeles)
White Crane Martial Arts (Port Angeles)
Wild Birds Unlimited (Gardiner)
Wild Sage (Port Townsend)
Wild Spirit Herbals (Port Angeles)
William James Bookseller (Port Townsend)
Williwaw (Port Townsend)
Wilson Insurance Company (Port Townsend)
Woodshed Bar & Grill (Belfair)
Woofs Dog Boutique (Ocean Shores)
World's End (Port Townsend)
Wynwoods Gallery & Studio (Port Townsend)
Yelvik General Store (Brinnon)
Zech Interior Designs (Belfair)

Local Farms (23)

Chi's Farm (Sequim)
Deer Park Dahlia Farm (Port Angeles)
Eaglemount Wine and Cider (Port Townsend)
Erik's Edible Orchard (Sequim)
Finn River Farm (Chimacum)
Greenman's Garden (Shelton)
Jardin du Soleil Lavender Farm (Sequim)
JC Tree Farm (Wishkah)
Johnston Farms (Port Angeles)
Lazy J Tree Farm (Port Angeles)
Leland Valley Tree Farm (Quilcene)
Moosedreams Lavender Farms (Sequim)
Old Tarboo Farm (Quilcene)
Red Dog Farm (Chimacum)
Salt Creek Farm (Port Angeles)
Serendipity Farm (Quilcene)
Serenity Farm Sport Horses (Port Angeles)
Skokomish Farms (Union)
Solstice Farm Bed and Breakfast (Chimacum)
Spring Rain Farm and Orchard (Chimacum)
The Farm at Dry Bed Creek (Matlock)
West Wind Farm on Salt Creek (Port Angeles)
Winding Creek Farm (Elma)

Religious Leaders (84)*

Bishop Gregory H. Rickel, Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

Bishop Grant Hagiya, Pacific Northwest Conference of Methodists

Transitional Executive Presbyter Keith Tanis, Presbytery of Olympia

Executive Presbyter Corey Schlosser-Hall, North Puget Sound Presbytery

Conference Minister Michael Denton, Pacific NW Conference, The United Church of Christ

Executive Minister Marcia J. Patton, Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Superintendent Sharon L. Moe, Pacific NW Conference, United Methodist Church

Rev. Paul Benz, Co-Director, Faith Action Network of Washington

LeeAnne Beres, Executive Director, Earth Ministry

Rev. David T. Alger, Former Executive Director, Associated Ministries (Tacoma)

Rev. Susie Beil, Pastor, Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church (Bremerton)

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Archer Klein, Interim Pastor, Urban Grace Downtown Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Paul Stumme-Diers, Pastor, Bethany Lutheran Church (Bainbridge Island)

Rev. Martin Yabroff, Pastor, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Marta Schellberg, Pastor, Bremerton United Methodist Church (Bremerton)

Rev. Bruce Kadden, Rabbi, Temple Beth El (Tacoma)

Rev. Bruce A. Bode, Minister, Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (Port Townsend)

Rev. Dr. Jane F. Maynard, Rector, Christ Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Linda Nou, Pastor, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church (Aberdeen)

Rev. Marty Shelton-Jenck, Pastor, Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church (Rolling Bay)

Rev. Mary Sanders, Pastor, United Lutheran Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Austin Adkinson, Pastor, North Mason United Methodist Church (Belfair)

Rev. Dr. Melvin R. Woodworth, Pastor, First United Methodist Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Philip Nesvig, Pastor, First Lutheran Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Jim Head-Corliss, Pastor, Gig Harbor United Methodist Church (Gig Harbor)

Rev. Bonnie Campbell, Local Priest, St. Mark Episcopal Church (Montesano)

Rev. Ronald Belisle, Pastor, St. Edward Parish (Shelton)

Rev. Monty Smith, Pastor, Epworth Lesourd United Methodist Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Dr. Robert E. Slater, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (Port Townsend)

Rev. Jennifer Walters, Pastor, United Church (University Place)

Rev. Ann Adkinson, Pastor, Colby United Methodist Church (Port Orchard)

Rev. Tom Thresher, Minister, Suquamish United Church of Christ (Suquamish)

Rev. Ron Anderson, Pastor, Manette Community Church (Bremerton)

Rev. Kendall T. Haynes, Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew Episcopal Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Lindsay Ireland, Pastor, Community United Methodist Church (Port Hadlock)

Rev. Jim Hewson, Pastor, Fern Hill United Methodist Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Eric Stelle, Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church (Gig Harbor)

Rev. Peter Van Zanten, Priest-in-charge, St. Germain Episcopal Church (Hoodspport)

Rev. Jon Schmick, Pastor, Marine View Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Wes Stanton, Pastor, Tracyton United Methodist Church (Tracyton)

Rev. Dave Brown, Pastor, Immanuel Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Elizabeth Bloch, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Port Townsend)

Rev. Scott Schaefer, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church (Quilcene)

Rev. Lorraine Dierick, Local Priest, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Montesano)

Rev. Mark Woldseth, Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Paul Meeker, Pastor, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (Bremerton)

Rev. Sarah W. Wiles, Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Janet Matthews, Pastor, Fox Island United Church of Christ (Fox Island)

Rev. Kathleen Kingslight, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Bremerton)

Rev. William Graves, Minister, Tahoma Unitarian Universalist Congregation (Tacoma)

Rev. Julie A. Kanarr, Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church (Belfair)

Rev. Nina Body, Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Tacoma)

Rev. Sigi Helgeson, Pastor, Family of God Lutheran Church (Bremerton)

Rev. Gordy Hutchins, Pastor, The Bridge: A Ministry Of The

United Methodist Church (Tacoma)
 Rev. Sheryl Biegert, Pastor, Agnus Dei Lutheran Church
 (Gig Harbor)
 Rev. Dr. Bonnie Chandler-Warren, Senior Pastor, Mason
 United Methodist Church (Tacoma)
 Rev. Dr. Linda C. Milks, Pastor, Saron Evangelical Lutheran
 Church (Hoquiam)
 Rev. Dennis Hartsook, Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church
 (Elma)
 Rev. Scott Harrison, Pastor, Port Orchard United Methodist
 Church (Port Orchard)
 Rev. Dr. Dennis S. Tierney, Rector, Saint Barnabas
 Episcopal Church (Bainbridge Island)
 Rev. Heather James, Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian
 Church (Tacoma)
 Rev. Bill Harper, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church
 (Bainbridge Island)
 Rev. Dennis G. Sepper, Pastor, The University Congregation
 (Tacoma)
 Rev. Sarah E. Roemer, Pastor, Spirit of Life Lutheran
 Church (Port Orchard)
 Rev. Matthew Robbins-Ghormley, Pastor, Trinity
 Presbyterian Church (Tacoma)
 Rev. Richard Grinstead, Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
 (Port Angeles)
 Rev. Rebecca Shjerven, Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 by the Narrows (Tacoma)
 Rev. Adrian Bonaro, Pastor, First Lutheran Community
 Church (Port Orchard)
 Father Bob Rhoads, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
 (Sequim)
 Rev. Laurie Stumme Diers, Pastor, Peace Lutheran
 Fellowship Church (Port Ludlow)
 Rev. Dr. Robert L. Stivers, Emeritus Professor of Religion,
 Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma)
 Rev. David Monsen, Board Certified Chaplain ELCA
 (Hoquiam)
 Rev. Dr. Garrett Starmer, BCC, St. Joseph's Medical Center
 (Tacoma)
 Rev. Elizabeth Stevens, Minister, Kitsap United
 Universalist Fellowship (Bremerton)
 Rev. Richard H Foege, Pastor Emeritus, Emmanuel
 Lutheran Church (Tacoma)
 Rev. Matt Gorman, Pastor, Shelton United Methodist
 Church (Shelton)
 Rev. Harlan Shoop, Retired PCUS (Tacoma)
 Rev. Earl V. Sakrison, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)
 Rev. Alvin E. Aosved, Retired UMC (Bremerton)
 Rev. Iver Haugen, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)

Rev. Dr. Martin Neeb, Retired ELCA (Tacoma)
 Rev. Dr. Lyle G. Miller, Retired ELCA (Gig Harbor)
 Rev. Tad Monroe, Retired PCUS (Tacoma)
 Rev. Ron Tellefson, Retired ELCA (Gig Harbor)

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Conservation & Civic Organizations (36)

10,000 Years Institute (Port Townsend)
 Admiralty Audubon Society (Port Townsend)
 American Rivers
 Base Camps of America (Quilcene)
 Black Hills Audubon Society
 Friends of Grays Harbor (Aberdeen)
 Friends of Miller Peninsula State Park (Sequim)
 Grays Harbor Audubon Society (Montesano)
 Great Old Broads for Wilderness
 Greenfleet Monitoring Expeditions (Quilcene)
 Hood Canal Coalition (Port Ludlow)
 Hood Canal Environmental Council (Seabeck)
 Kitsap Audubon Society (Poulsbo)
 League of Women Voters of Clallam County
 Native Fish Society
 North Beach PAWS (Ocean Shores)
 North Olympic Group – Sierra Club (Carlsborg)
 Northwest Watershed Institute (Port Townsend)
 Ocean Shores Citizens for Balanced Growth (Ocean Shores)
 Olympic Coast Alliance (Olympia)
 Olympic Environmental Council (Port Townsend)
 Olympic Forest Coalition (Quilcene)
 Olympic Park Associates (Sequim)
 Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society (Sequim)
 Puget Sound University (Tacoma)
 Pew U.S. Public Lands Conservation Project
 Polly Dyer Cascadia Broadband (Elma)
 Protect the Peninsula's Future (Sequim)
 Puget Sound Partnership
 PT Airwatchers (Port Townsend)
 Sierra Club Washington Chapter
 Tahoma Audubon Society (University Place)
 Veterans Conservation Corps (Bremerton)
 Washington Native Plant Society
 Washington Wild
 West Sound Conservation Council (Poulsbo)

APPENDIX C: What People Are Saying About Wild Olympics

Bill Taylor, President of Taylor Shellfish Farms, Shelton “Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer’s Wild Olympics legislation will help protect our state’s shellfish industry, including hundreds of shellfishing jobs in Hood Canal alone – and many more in related industries like processing, shipping and sales. It protects the rivers and streams vital to the health of our hatcheries and to the health and restoration of Puget Sound. Our oyster beds depend on the clean, cold, silt-free water that drains off Olympic National Forest into Hood Canal. Protecting these watersheds allows our industry to grow, expand and continue to benefit the economy and ecology of Washington State. We are grateful for their leadership.”

James Thomas, President & CEO Thermedia Corp/MasQs – Shelton “The Wild Olympics legislation would help protect the outstanding way of life that is an important reason people choose to live, work and play here in Mason County with the stunning backdrop of the Olympic Mountains in our backyard. The ancient forests, wild rivers and scenic beauty of the Olympics are the foundation of our high “Quality of Life” that attracts visitors, entrepreneurs, new residents and investment in our communities, strengthening our local economy. In fact, these spectacular public lands were the final determinant when I chose the Olympic Peninsula as the new home for my medical device manufacturing company. Ten years later my heart still sings when I round a corner or top a hill and the Olympics come into view. I applaud Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer for working to protect the Peninsula’s economic future.”

Fred Rakevich – Retired logger and fifty-year veteran of the timber industry, Elma “I am a retired logger who worked for fifty years in the timber industry. I have also fished and kayaked most of the major rivers in the Olympics. I was born and raised in Grays Harbor, but have traveled half way around the world. In all my travels, nothing impressed me more than the natural beauty of the Olympic Mountain Range and the clear running waters that begin their journey flowing toward the lands below. Timber is and always will be part of the Olympic Peninsula’s proud heritage. But our ancient forests and wild rivers are the natural legacy we will leave to our children and grandchildren. Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer’s bill protects our natural heritage while respecting our timber heritage. I thank them for their thoughtful leadership, and future generations will thank them too.”

Casey Weigel – Owner & Head Guide of Waters West Guide Service in Montesano and a member of [Sportsmen for Wild Olympics](#). “I am a full-time Professional Guide, and owner of Waters West Guide Service in Montesano, Washington on the beautiful Wynoochee River. Our home waters here also include the Satsop and Humptulips rivers and other Olympic Peninsula rivers and their tributaries. Through hard work and our passion for our rivers and fishing, my wife and I have grown our small business enough to be able to help 3 other year-round and seasonal local guides support families, who love fishing just as much as we do. We fish year round for trophy Salmon, Sturgeon, Steelhead, and Trout in Washington rivers, lakes, and bays. I support the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild & Scenic Rivers Act because our rivers and our salmon are our lifeblood and, without them, businesses like ours, the local jobs they support, and the dollars they bring into our local economy would dry up. The Wild Olympics proposal would simply make the current safeguards protecting our rivers on Olympic National Forest permanent. That’s all it does. It doesn’t change access or cost timber jobs. And if it did, I wouldn’t support it, because my family works in the timber industry. There are many challenges facing our rivers and salmon, with lots of debate and millions of dollars spent trying to help restore clean water and habitat downstream. But one basic, simple piece of the foundation we can put in place now that won’t cost any of us anything, is to permanently protect the healthy habitat on the federal lands upstream against any misguided attempts to develop them in the future. That’s why I am a proud supporter of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. For Our Future.”

State Representative Mike Chapman, 24th Legislative District – Port Angeles “I have been very excited about the economic & recreational opportunities Wild Olympics will bring to the Olympic Peninsula. With REI and Patagonia’s support our corner of the world is now attracting visitors from all over. Wild Olympics is our future, for fresh air, clean water, pristine forests and future generations!”

Sarah Muszynski, Owner, Blue Horizons Paddlesports , Lake Cushman “As an outdoor recreation business owner and an avid outdoorsman, my livelihood and lifestyle depend on clean, free-flowing rivers. Visitors to Olympic National Park and businesses like mine annually contribute \$220 million in local economic benefits and support 2,708 jobs. This economic benefit depends on access to the high quality natural resources the Olympic Peninsula is known for and protection of those resources. Visitors from around the world come to experience the place we call home. Protecting these resources is an investment in our region’s economic future, and the smart thing to do.”

Dr. Bill Roof, President and CEO, Intellicheck Mobilisa, Inc., Port Townsend “The Wild Olympics legislation sponsored by Senator Murray and Representative Kilmer would permanently protect the stunning natural treasures that serve as a key tool local companies like Intellicheck can use to recruit talented, highly skilled employees who contribute to the Peninsula’s economy. Our ancient forests, rivers and streams offer priceless natural amenities that make the Northwest a wonderful place to live and give “The Evergreen State” its well-deserved name. These natural resources provide clean water, scenic beauty, solitude, fish and wildlife habitat, world-class outdoor recreation opportunities and an unrivaled quality of life in our region.”

Michelle Sandoval – Port Townsend City Councilor, Port Townsend “This legislation will help permanently protect clean drinking water for local Peninsula communities. For example, one of the places proposed for Wilderness protection is in the Big Quilcene watershed, which filters the clean, cold drinking water for the city of Port Townsend. Protecting forests and rivers on federal lands upstream protects our investments in salmon habitat and water quality downstream. We are grateful for Representative Kilmer’s and Senator Murray’s help in protecting Port Townsend’s clean water.”

Harriet Reyenga – Independent realtor for Windermere Real Estate, Port Angeles “The Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild & Scenic Rivers Act will protect and promote the same spectacular public lands and high quality of life that are helping to drive growth and create local jobs in real estate, construction and many other sectors of our economy today. Our ancient forests, salmon, rivers and amazing landscapes are the north Olympic Peninsula’s competitive economic advantage over other regions. We should do all we can to protect and promote these natural treasures. The Wild Olympics legislation will do both.”

Dave Bailey – Past President of the Grey Wolf Fly Fishing Club in Sequim, WA & co-founder of [Sportsmen for Wild Olympics](#). “People think that because our salmon streams on Olympic National Forest appear as they’ve always been, that they are safe. Unfortunately, that’s the furthest thing from the truth. There are determined efforts underway in Congress to roll back current safeguards and open these sensitive spawning streams to small hydropower development, industrial clear-cutting and more road building once more. That’s bad for fish, game, and sportsmen. This legislation is critical to preserve what we have.”

Terri Michels Drexler, Mason County Commissioner, District 3 – Shelton “This partnership came out of a great process involving local communities, businesses and economic leaders of the Olympic Peninsula. We’ve been at the forefront of diversifying our local economy and promoting our World-Class outdoor recreation and stunning natural beauty. That’s why we call Mason County and Hood Canal the “Wild Side of Washington” – and we know it’s imperative we protect and enhance access to the incredible outdoor adventures offered by our pristine waterways and spectacular public lands. Wild Olympics has been endorsed by over 65 Mason County businesses and local elected officials and counting. I am proud to be one of them. We’re thrilled to launch this new partnership with the Wild Olympics Campaign, REI & Patagonia to protect & promote our spectacular ancient forests, free-flowing rivers and world-class outdoor recreation opportunities. For Our Future.”

Jasmine Dickhoff, Mayor, City of Hoquiam- Hoquiam “I’m from here, I grew up here, and I’m proud to call the Harbor my home. Harborites are hardy, self-reliant, and we often have a different point of view than other communities. We choose to live without all the amenities of big-city life and we do so because we love it here. Hundreds of local Peninsula businesses, sportsmen organizations & local elected officials like myself are backing Wild Olympics because it embraces that same pride – our shared love of the land and our desire to permanently protect the most special parts of our spectacular backyard. However as a local elected official concerned about our economic future, I believe we need to be seizing new economic opportunities while taking great care not to hurt our current ones. That’s why it’s important to me that Representative Kilmer & Senator Murray have worked to ensure their final proposal won’t hurt local timber jobs. It’s also why I believe REI and Patagonia’s promotion of Wild Olympics is a validation of one of our important new economic advantages.”

State Representative Steve Tharinger, 24th Legislative District – Sequim “It is easy to see and understand the ecological value of the Wild Olympics idea, conserving clean and free flowing rivers, but what is sometimes missed is the economic value that maintaining places like Wild Olympics brings by attracting people to the special outdoors of the Olympic region. I want to thank REI and Patagonia for engaging local community leaders like myself to help design the map, and for recognizing that encouraging people to get out and enjoy the special places in the Wild Olympics proposal brings economic benefits to the communities I represent.”

Mark and Desiree' Dodson, Owners Westport Marina Cottages – Westport: “We’re excited to be a part of the amazing recognition of the Wild Olympics Campaign by REI & Patagonia. We’re one of the hundreds of local Peninsula businesses backing Wild Olympics because it would protect & promote the same priceless natural treasures that are cornerstones of our economy. And now the country’s two most premier outdoor industry brands agree. Our ancient temperate rainforests & wild rivers are iconic one-of-kind outdoor recreation destinations that draw visitors & new residents from around the world. That’s why we’re excited to be partnering with the Wild Olympics Campaign, REI & Patagonia to promote the Harbor’s natural treasures to a whole new audience hungry for outdoor adventures!”

Roy Nott, Aberdeen Businessman and CEO. “Growing up in Pacific County in the 50’s and early 60’s, my future career path was pretty clear. I knew I would work in the timber industry. It was a no-brainer for me. The woods was where my childhood friends and I also chose to spend most of our free time. To advance your career often requires moves, and eventually my family and I were asked to move to the south and the northeast. It was all very interesting but we missed our family and friends and the forests back home. So, in 1993, I returned with a much greater appreciation for the Olympic Peninsula’s remaining virgin forests. Not just as a draw for tourists but also a residential draw for forest-lovers like myself and my family. That is also why I chose to be an early advocate for new Wild Olympics legislation. The world has changed so much over my lifetime. I now live in Aberdeen but I am the President of a German-owned company in the wood products industry. Rapid advancements in manufacturing and technology permit companies to collaborate globally today to make more valuable composite wood products from far younger, faster-growth trees. These technologies require us to be smarter and more globally and market-minded but they permit us- for the first time in our history- to have it both ways: to have a strong forest products sector along with legal protections for the remaining, virgin forests that have always provided our fantastic living and vacationing environment. This is my life story and these are my opinions. That is why I am so pleased to see REI and Patagonia recently take up the Wild Olympics cause. It is great to see your most deeply-held beliefs become validated as you get older.”

Douglas Scott, Owner of Exotic Hikes and [The Outdoor Society](#), Hood Canal: “Outside my door, the river, forests and mountains of the Olympic Peninsula beckon me to hike and climb. In the Northwest corner of the contiguous United States, far from the hustle and bustle of the big cities, our glacial-fed rivers, full of salmon and surrounded by majestic eagles constantly inspire millions of locals and visitors to the region. Each year, over four million outdoor recreation enthusiasts head to the region, hoping to find a slice of natural beauty in pristine forests and impossibly gorgeous river valleys. As an author, tour guide and advocate for the Olympic Peninsula, I have witnessed the importance of nature and outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to the support outdoor enthusiasts from all walks of life, passing the Wild Olympics Wilderness & Wild and Scenic Rivers Act will help ensure that even more of the stunning scenery will be protected and accessible for all. I am proud to Support the Wild Olympics. Come visit and fall in love with the beauty of rainforests, wild rivers and breathtaking adventures and you will too.”

Sissi Bruch, Port Angeles City Council Member (Position #6) “I am very excited to lend my support this new REI/Patagonia Wild Olympics initiative. The idea of encouraging people, who love the outdoors, to come to our pristine wilderness areas, while supporting their preservation, has great synergy. This, in concert with Port Angeles designation as the 2nd best outdoor town, validates Port Angeles’s status as a world class outdoor recreation destination, and speaks highly of our need to protect this unique and pristine environment. I appreciate REI and Patagonia for inviting me and many other community leaders to participate in designing this initiative and in the collaborative and inclusive way it was done.”