



TILLAMOOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 8:00 AM

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CALL TO ORDER – Tuesday, March 5, 2024 8:00 a.m.

1. [Welcome and Board of Commissioners' Roll Call](#)
00:45
2. [Adventist Health Tillamook](#)
01:22
3. [Coastal Caucus](#)
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4. [Tillamook County Community Health Center](#)
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5. [Tillamook Family Counseling Center](#)
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6. [Sheriff's Office](#)
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7. [Emergency Management](#)
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8. [Oregon Department of Transportation](#)
27:19

9. Board of Commissioners

31:25

45:07

Consideration of a Letter to the Board of Forestry Regarding Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan/Commissioner Erin Skaar

A motion was made by Commissioner Skaar and seconded by Vice-Chair Olson. The motion passed with three aye votes. The Board approved sending a letter to the Board of Forestry regarding their proposed Habitat Conservation Plan.

10. Cities

Manzanita

57:04

AGENDA ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Rockaway Beach

53:41

Bay City

55:45

Tillamook

1:01:03

ADJOURN – 9:11 a.m.



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Jim Kelly
Chair, Oregon Board of Forestry
Oregon Department of Forestry Headquarters
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

RE: Letter of Concern Regarding the Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan

Chair Kelly and Members of the Oregon Board of Forestry:

Tillamook County is a Trust Land County that deeded 296,946 acres of our forests, nearly 40% of the entire state forests that exist today, to the state in a partnership for long term management. We are very concerned with both the proposed Draft Habitat Conservation Plan as well as the State Forester's Recommendation. Both are before your Board on Thursday, March 7th.

Local governments and communities like ours have very low property tax rates and have been dependent upon the timber harvest revenues to fund vital county programs and services, as well as schools, and special district operations. These harvests, and resulting local timber products manufacturing, also provide family wage-fully benefited jobs to support a vibrant economy.

The funds collected by local governments from timber harvests (63.75% of the revenue generated) are used to fund everyday aspects of our lives such as schools and fire districts. If the Board chooses to move forward with the recommendation as presented, in Tillamook County, we will likely have to reduce services across all general fund departments. Specific services that will be most impactful to our constituents and visitors include sheriff deputies who currently patrol the roads and respond to emergency situations such as vehicle accidents and break-ins, our planning department that provides building permits to allow additional development and tax growth, and the county clerk's department that is responsible for safe and secure elections.

Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) originally projected the harvest would be at 250 million board feet (mmbf), the federal services then projected 225mmbf. ODF then revised the projected harvest volume down closer to 185mmbf. The most recent modeling numbers are showing anywhere from 162-181mmbf (page 9 of December modeling report). **Trust Land Counties 10-year harvest average is 250 mmbf.**

In terms of acres available for harvest, Tillamook County will realize a loss of 30% of our harvestable land. We will go from having ~ 95,000 acres constrained by natural geography and conservation to a total of ~184,000 acres constrained. This leaves us with only 38% of our lands available for harvest to support our communities, schools and special districts. Make no mistake, that this is not enough to support the needs of the people of Tillamook County.



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We believe in and support using good science to ensure the survival of ESA listed species. We simply believe that this plan goes too far in setting aside land for owls and other species where changing science questions if just setting aside more land is equal to species survival. Let's slow down and confirm that this is the right HCP.

We strongly urge the Board of Forestry to consider modifications to this HCP and delay adoption of this Habitat Conservation Plan until all parties can find common ground.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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Mary Faith Bell, Chair

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Doug Olson, Vice-Chair

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Erin D. Skaar, Commissioner