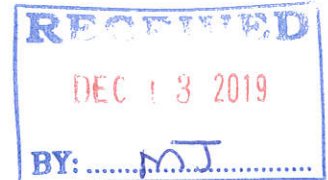


Ben Hathaway
P.O. Box 635, Tillamook, OR 97141

December 12, 2019



Tillamook County Community Dept. of Development
1510 3rd St.
Tillamook, OR 97141
Attn: Hillary Foote

Dear Ms. Foote,

I, Ben Hathaway, as well as the surrounding neighbors and farmers wish to state that we are directly opposed to the second phase of the Nature Conservancy plan.

Let me outline in brief what our objectives are:

1. Lower the dikes along Hathaway and Stassek Slough approximately 1070 linear feet of dike, to elevate that which elevates the 2 year flood or annual exceedance levels of 9/10 feet (2150cy excavation materials).
2. Fill agricultural ditches, approximately 500 linear feet, 140 cy fill using excavated materials.
3. Re-excavate title channels, 5835 linear feet: 9790 cy excavated material.
4. Remove 5 water control constrictions to allow unrestricted title water access to the wetlands.
5. Remove the box culvert on the connector channel between Porter Stassek sloughs for improved title flow in the project area.
6. To build 2 light duty bridges over interior channels for site management and emergency access.
7. Re-vegetate the site with appropriate wetland species.
8. Create elevated mounds from excess excavated materials and plant with wetland species.

We, the Hathaways, not representing Bershire Hathaway's, but the Hathaway Trust, disagree with all of the Nature Conservancy's ideas and factoids. We plan on suing the Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$10 billion dollars to restore the amount of damage already done.

We, the Hathaways, not a private entity plan on putting up the cash, not a bond, to sue any governmental agency and Nature Conservancy for their outrageous conduct. Lowering the dikes on the Porter and Durrer properties have caused not only loss of farm land but have caused sentiment to plug (stop) the Kilchis River from being accessed by fish or man blocking and destroying the Kilchis River from being accessed from traveling East from the Hathaway property.

All you have to do is look at it, but I guess no one has.

The C run cutthroat access their annual spawning on or about mid-April. Mr. Dick Crossley and I witnessed none other than 9 bald-headed eagles and one (or a pair) of Peregrine diving and skimming the water killing the cutthroat eating them over your ridiculous adventure. We the Hathaways, (personally) again, not representing any corporation (Berkshire Hathaway), are as we speak, drafting a law suit against the Nature Conservancy and any governmental entity which supports the Nature Conservancy in the amount of \$10 billion dollars.

You have caused irreparable damage to the Hathaway, as well as other contiguous farmers, in your careless action. All you have to do is look at the damage you have caused by coming to my home on Kilchis Point to see what you have done and know that you now want to cause more damage. I note your intentions are to further the damage, as previously outlined, that you have already caused. You should look at the damage you have caused—not only to the fish—but to the contiguous property owners by your actions.

The banks that are contiguous to the Hathaway property are sloughing off and changing the whole nature of the bay which include the migration of cutthroat, steelhead, chum and salmon from migrating and spawning up the Kilchis River.

My boat ramp, although represented and approved by the commissioners who indicated would raise 1 to 2 inches, has raised 3 1/2 feet due to the removal of the dikes. This will further erode the fishing industry and spawning of the aforementioned fish while also impacting the farmers in our land area.

Not to be redundant, we the Hathaways, as Ben Hathaway, trustee of the Hathaway Trust will file suit against the Nature Conservancy and any governmental agency which approves or supports your new proposals.

Our suit will be brought to re-install the dikes you have torn down on the mentioned properties and to dredge, restore and bring back the status quo from your initial engagement.

Oh, by the way, you have caused the Kilchis River which ran by my home northwest to turn a considerable amount south and run into the Wilson River.

Is there no end to your idiocy?

Benjamin Henry Hathaway, JR.

cc: Tillamook County Creamery

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin H. Hathaway, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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Board of Tillamook County Creamery

You are advised and given a copy of this letter to the Nature Conservancy et al.

Your promise to the farmers was to protect them.

Where are you when we need you?

Now I, as a registered independent have talked to Betsy Johnson, our Democratic Senator but also to our Democratic Governor who is also on board. Why are you not on board protecting the farmers as you said you would. Your promise was to protect the farm land with "No net loss of farmland". Well guess what's happened? Where are you when we need you? There are many outraged farmers including Don Averill, etc.

Is it that you are so big and large a corporation that you no longer care about Tillamook?

I suggest that you get on board and educate yourself to refute, restore the farm community which the Nature Conservancy seems bent on destroying.

Sincerely yours,
Benjamin Hathaway, Jr.

Benjamin Hathaway Jr 12-13-2019