## BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Tillamook County's	)	RESOLUTION
Opposition to the Principles Related to	)	#R-20- <u>00</u> 2
Legislative Concept 64 (LC 64)	)	

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on January 29, 2020 at the request of David Yamamoto, Commissioner. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised, finds as follows:

- 1. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is currently in the process of formulating a new Forest Management Plan (FMP) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) for the Trust Lands.
- Toward the end of 2021 the Board of Forestry (BOF) will make a decision on whether to proceed with (a) a FMP and continue to deal with endangered species using a take avoidance technology, or (b) whether to combine a modified FMP with an HCP that will permit incidental take of endangered species in exchange for land management prescriptions.
- 3. Any land that is proposed for removal from the land base by LC 64 as low potential for revenue generating, or high value for recreation or environmental benefits, could potentially impact both the FMP and the HCP. Before the FMP and HCP planning processes are complete, identifying sites that are eligible for transfer under LC 64 is premature.
- 4. The Linn County lawsuit recently awarded Trust Land Counties about \$1.1 Billion to compensate for lost harvest revenue related to changes in the greatest permanent value definition. It is anticipated that the decision will be appealed, and likely will also go to the Oregon Supreme Court. Until the case has completed appeals, the final impact and outcome will not be clear, and LC 64 could potentially impact a settlement.
- 5. The ODF was contemplating a legislative concept for the 2021 session that will promote efficient management of the Trust Lands that includes the ability to sell isolated parcels or conservation easements. The Council of Forest Trust Lands Committee (CFTLC) has committed to participating in that workgroup with ODF to explore those concepts and flesh out the issues related to the underlying transfer contracts, the lawsuit, and the ongoing financial implications to counties, schools, and local taxing districts.
- 6. Tillamook County would like to maintain the revenue sharing relationship we have with the ODF related Trusts Lands.

7. Tillamook County supports a balanced, broad based workgroup that includes ODF, CFTLC, school districts, local taxing districts, environmental interests, recreational interests, and timber industry interests, whose members thoughtfully and respectfully, together, become educated on the underpinnings of the discussion and work toward policies that can be considered for legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that:

8. Tillamook County opposes the principles related to legislation LC 64 that would result in land transfers from County Forest Trust Lands, including LC 64.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2020.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

	Aye Nay	Abstain/Absent
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Bill Baertlein, Çhair	/	
MF Bell	<u> </u>	/
Mary Faith Bell, Vice-Chair		
David Yamamoto, Commissioner	<u> </u>	/

ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil County Clerk

By: <u>JUSAU</u> Special Deputy APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joel W. Stevens, County Counsel