



Kalmiopsis Audubon Society
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Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society in Curry County Oregon. Our group has 180 members who are concerned about water quality and related issue of habitat for birds, fish, wildlife, and other aquatic species.

For this reason, we strongly urge the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to adopt strong rules to regulate pesticide use.

We urge you to adopt the draft human health criteria for toxics based on the accurate fish consumption rate of 175 grams per day. Many people who live and fish on the coast, including tribal members, eat more fish than others, and this needs to be taken into account. We think this criterion will also serve to lessen the impacts of toxins throughout food chains.

We also urge you to limit the variance rule only to standards that are affected by this rulemaking.

Thank you for considering our group's comments.

Sincerely,

s/ Ann Vileisis/

President