

February 28, 2014

To: Joelle Gore, Acting Chief,
Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean, Coastal Resource Management
National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
via email: joelle.gore@noaa.gov

Re: EPA/NOAA Proposed Disapproval of Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
Control Program under CZARA

Dear Ms. Gore:

My name is [REDACTED]. I own and operate Oregon's oldest oyster farm, located in Tillamook Bay, Oregon.

I am writing to support EPA and NOAA's proposed Disapproval of Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program because Oregon does not have a program to control nonpoint source pollution enough to carry out the CZARA 'management measures', or the CAZRA 'additional management measures' required by law to achieve and maintain Oregon's water quality standards and protect Oregon's designated uses.

Dairy waste has caused Tillamook Bay to be closed for oyster harvesting for up to a 100 days a year (for over forty years now). Even with millions of dollars in studies (TBNEP), programs and plans, there has never been any meaningful oversight of the Tillamook dairy's Waste Management Practices.

Voluntary Compliance has never worked and will never work in Tillamook County.

Since the CWA of 1972, the Tillamook County's dairy industry has discouraged any federal presence or interference. And, it is no wonder because the State of Oregon's DEQ has never had an appetite for managing the dairy farms waste management practices. Only the federal government can manage that.

The CZARA Disapproval is very important to our industry and to our estuary. Because of the agricultural waste, Tillamook Bay is unique among Oregon estuaries.

Disapproval will be the best possible outcome for the entire Tillamook watershed.

Thank you for your attention.
Sincerely,

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