



TITLE VI: WILD OLYMPICS WILDERNESS AND WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT (KILMER – H.R. 2642)

Supports Access to Clean Water, Critical Wildlife Habitat, Recreational Opportunities and Economic Growth

Summary of the Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

Title VI would designate 19 Wild and Scenic Rivers spanning more than 464 river miles from Olympic National Park and the surrounding Olympic National Forest, designate 126,544 acres of wilderness on the Olympic Peninsula, and protect another 5,346 acres as potential wilderness to allow for forest restoration under current management plans. The title would safeguard clean water, protect old-growth temperate rainforest, and preserve fish and wildlife habitat. Title VI also promotes economic growth by expanding recreational opportunities in the region and has the support of a broad and diverse coalition of stakeholders.

Title VI would:

- Designate approximately 131,900 acres as new, expanded, or potential wilderness areas.
- Add approximately 464.5 miles to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

List of Supporters and Endorsing Organizations

Local Governments and Elected Officials (87) including: Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe; Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Quinault Indian Nation; the Quileute Tribe; The City of Port Angeles; The City of Elma; The City of Ocean Shores; The City of Bremerton; The City of Hoquiam; The City of Port Townsend; The City of Poulsbo; Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias; Washington State Representative Drew Hansen; Washington State Representative Mike Chapman; and Jefferson County Commissioners David Sullivan and Kathleen Kler.

Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Organizations (87) including: Access Fund; American Whitewater; Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Washington Chapter; The Mountaineers; Outdoor Alliance; The Conservation Alliance; Outdoor Industry Association; The Pew Charitable Trusts; Sierra Club; Mazamas; Wild and Scenic Rivers Coalition; Olympic Forest Coalition; American Rivers; Olympic Park Associates; Sierra Club – North Olympic Group; Washington Wild; and the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society.

Businesses (549) including: Waypoint Outdoor; Hilleberg Group; Superfeet Worldwide, Inc.; International Sportsmen’s Expositions; KAVU True Outdoorwear; Far Bank Enterprises (Sage Fly Fishing, Redington, RIO Products, Fly Water Travel); Recreation Equipment, Inc. (REI); DAKINE; Outdoor Research; Gear Aid Inc.; Nikwax North America; MIIR; Haiku; Cocoon; and Brooks Running Company.

Links

- A Full List of Supporters and Endorsing Organizations Can Be Found [Here](#).
- Map of [Proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers](#) and Map of [Proposed Wilderness Designations](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions:](#) Wild Olympics Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Act
- [Press Release:](#) Wild Olympics Plan Unveiled – 126,000 Acres Proposed for Wilderness
- [Press Release:](#) Senator Murray & Representative Kilmer Reintroduce Wild Olympics Bill with Groundswell of New Support from Peninsula Tribes, Mayors & Businesses