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Implementation Agreement

The Tillamook County Performance Partnership entered into an implementation agreement on June 1, 1999. By signing the Implementation Agreement, the members of the TCPPP simultaneously approved the CCMP, and assumed responsibility for CCMP implementation. The Implementation Agreement and signature pages follow. The Administrator of the U.S. EPA, Carol Browner, gave official EPA approval for the CCMP in December 1999 (see below).



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

DEC 14 1999

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Richard Felley
Director
Tillamook County Performance Partnership
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Dear Mr. Felley:

It is my great pleasure to approve the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) submitted for Tillamook Bay. The Tillamook program is truly a model for the intergovernmental relationships that I believe are fundamental to successful environmental protection. We deeply appreciate your pledge and that of the Tillamook Performance Partnership for continuing commitment to the implementation of this CCMP.

I want to congratulate you and all the other members of the various committees whose exceptional efforts over the past years have resulted in the development of this CCMP. This Plan and the National Estuary Program are exciting models of innovative collaboration between local communities and regional, state and federal partners in the protection of vital natural resources. I am confident that this program will produce substantial water quality improvements. I look forward to a continuing partnership between EPA and the Tillamook Performance Partnership as we move ahead in implementation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or call J. Charles Fox, Assistant Administrator for Water, at (202) 260-5700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol M. Browner".
Carol M. Browner

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IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

June 1, 1999

TILLAMOOK BAY COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

Tillamook Bay is a small, shallow estuary on the Oregon Coast about 60 miles west of Portland. The Bay averages only 6.6 feet deep over its 13 square miles. Yet it is an important estuary, draining a 560 mi² watershed that includes some of the Northwest's richest timber and dairy lands, and streams that were historically home to large salmon runs. Tillamook Bay exemplifies the type of estuary found in the Coast Range Ecoregion of the Pacific Northwest. The Bay and its watershed support diverse living resources, including shellfish, runs of salmon and trout (some of which are declining), groundfish, and numerous bird species, including a number of threatened and endangered species. This environment is integral to the local and regional economies, which are largely natural resource based.

In recognition of the value of this nationally significant estuarine system, elected officials and representatives of the State of Oregon, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1994 convened the Tillamook Bay Management Conference as part of the National Estuary Program. The charge to the Conference was to assess trends in water quality, natural resources and human uses; identify likely or probable causes of environmental problems through data collection and analysis; assess pollutant loading and relate it to observed trends; and develop a management plan to address the four priority problems of:

- ◆ Pathogen contamination affecting shellfish and water contact uses
- ◆ Excessive sedimentation in the bay and tributaries
- ◆ Critical habitat degradation
- ◆ Flooding and its associated impacts on water quality, erosion, habitat and property

The Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) approved here today is the result of more than five years of work by members of the community, the Management Conference, and its committees. Together, we have created a vision of the Bay as a healthy ecosystem of living resources, preserved and managed for sustainable public use. In order to achieve this vision, we agree to:

- ◆ Assess, protect, and enhance key habitat for fish and wildlife throughout the watershed.
- ◆ Identify, prioritize and implement sediment reduction projects to reduce human-caused sediment in the watershed.

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- ◆ Identify, prioritize and implement farm management practices to reduce animal waste runoff; and improve or expand stormwater management, municipal wastewater systems and septic systems to reduce bacterial contamination resulting from human activities.
- ◆ Promote effective enforcement of rules and regulations to achieve CCMP Goals related to Key Habitat, Erosion and Sedimentation, Water Quality, and Flooding.
- ◆ Improve watershed hydrology, increase floodplain water storage capacity, and elevate or relocate structures.
- ◆ Continue scientific analysis, monitoring, and applied research in selected areas; further develop Geographical Information Systems(GIS); and provide public access to this information by maintaining a Web site and the Tillamook Coastal Watershed Resource Center.
- ◆ Develop the Performance Partnership to coordinate and leverage resources and create better institutional linkages among regional universities, the community college, public schools, citizens and agencies.
- ◆ Establish continuing education programs for citizens and decision makers; focused on riparian area management, agricultural practices, new techniques in stream bank stabilization, and the impacts of human activities in the watershed.

The CCMP represents a blueprint for coordinated, voluntary actions to achieve the stated goals. Thanks to the outstanding commitment to public involvement and scientific credibility, the Actions in the CCMP reflect the needs, thoughts, and support of local governments, state and federal representatives, scientists, users, and the public throughout the Tillamook Bay Watershed.

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As representatives of the United States Government, State of Oregon, and Tillamook County, we recognize that protecting and restoring the Bay requires that it be managed as an integrated ecosystem, defined by the watershed and waters that surround the Bay. We further recognize that Tillamook Bay provides enormous social and economic value to the region and that the investments made to protect and restore the Bay can improve the quality of life of residents and visitors to the region and benefit the economy as well. Now, with completion of the CCMP, we are at an important turning point in our efforts.

Therefore, this day of June 1, 1999, we agree to:

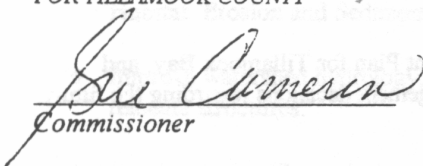
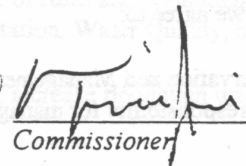
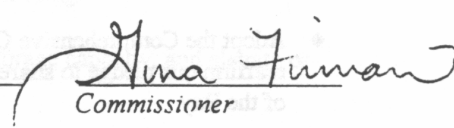
- ◆ Adopt the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan for Tillamook Bay, and reaffirm our pledge to share the responsibility for management decisions regarding the future of the Bay.
- ◆ Pursue implementation of CCMP Actions, dependent on financial, material, and human resources; and seek continued technical assistance to restore critical habitat and living resources in the Bay and its watershed.
- ◆ Seek, propose, and advocate new partnerships for implementing and financing CCMP Actions.
- ◆ Maintain the integrity of the Tillamook Bay Management Conference Agreement's focus on intergovernmental cooperation by using the Performance Partnership to oversee and coordinate implementation of the CCMP.
- ◆ Continue to promote public involvement through the Tillamook County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, and other volunteer organizations, in the enhancement of the Bay and its resources.
- ◆ Continue to maintain an office using Environmental Protection Agency National Estuary Program implementation funds to provide support to the Performance Partnership.
- ◆ Report to the Performance Partnership and interested citizens annually on the state of the Bay and CCMP implementation, with particular emphasis on progress towards achieving the principal goal: the preservation and management of a healthy ecosystem of living resources, and sustainable public use.



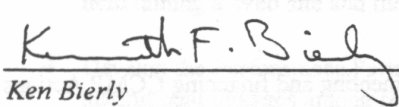
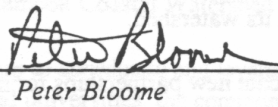
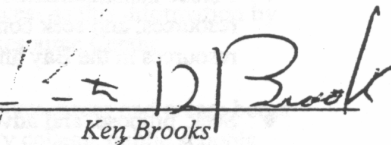
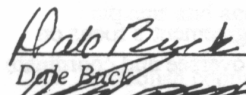
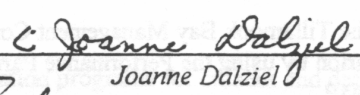
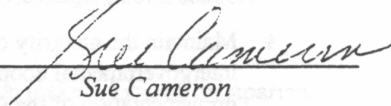
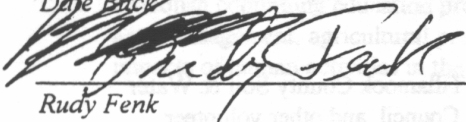
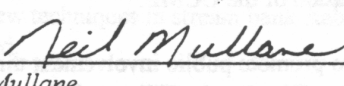
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Signed in a spirit of partnership by the following:

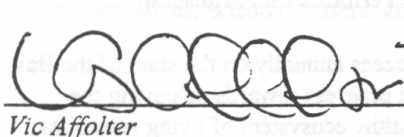
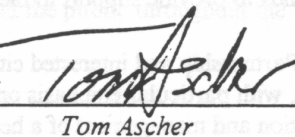
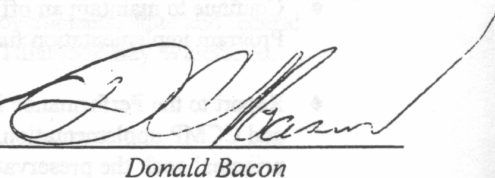
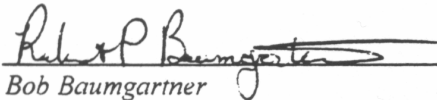


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