As an outdoor writer, fly fishing guide, and avid duck and grouse hunter, I welcome the additional protections that the Wild Olympics Campaign is proposing. They will help protect the water quality that anadromous fish require, and preserve the upper basin spawning grounds of species like cutthroat, summer steelhead and bull trout.

As someone who makes my living in the great outdoors, access is important to me. The changes adopted by Congressman Dicks and Senator Murray in their draft proposal ensure I will still be able to hunt, hike with my dog, camp, and forage for berries and mushrooms in all the areas proposed for wilderness or National Preserves. Wild and Scenic River designation for our rivers will ensure access for designated stretches.

The Wild Olympics proposal is tailored to the concerns and ideas of people who live on the Olympic Peninsula—and who want to leave its most important areas in at least as good a shape as we received them. That’s worth supporting.

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