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Lisa Arkin, executive director of the Eugene-based group Beyond Toxics, was in the Tsunami Bar & Grill in Wheeler Friday at a meeting of the Rockaway Beach Citizens for Watershed Protection.

"We want a future for our children. We want a viable climate and Oregon's forests are the key," she said.

"Because of the hullaballo was caused in 2015 in the state legislature, a lot of our champions are saying to keep quiet in 2017," Arkin said. "But I don't think was should be quiet at all."

There is a reason they are saying that, according to Arkin. "The governor wants her transportation package to pass. That is going to be her top thing. Anything that gets in the way of that, they are going to trade it.

"The air toxics issue in Portland with the heavy metals has also sucked the air out," she said. "A lot of those Portland dems are putting their hat in that ring because it is an easier sell and the governor has gotten behind it.

"There are three huge environmental issues that are a priority before forestry," she added.

According to Arkin, that just means people just will have to be the squeaky wheel. "We may not get everything we want in 2017, but the coalition of environmental groups working on this issue will be working on ballot measures to ban this stuff and putting pressure on the legislature to do the right thing. If that has to be 2018 or 2019, then it has to be then.

"That doesn't mean giving up in 2017," Arkin added.

She admitted that it is not only an environmental issue, but a health issue. That is where politics has become a big roadblock.

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"Politically speaking, when I bill is introduced in the legislature, the senate president (Peter Courtney) or the speaker of the house (Tina Kotek) decide in what committee to put the bill. "That decision oftentimes determines the fate of the bill. Even if we demand they put it in the health committee, because we know there it will get a better chance in a hearing as opposed to an ag committee -- in the past consistently they have put the bills into the ag committee where they die," she said.

"There are all these politics about is it a health issue, an environmental issue or is it simply regulation of pesticides which falls into ag.

"That is just the political reality. We have so many gauntlets to get through," she added.

One thing is certain, the state's inability or unwillingness to clean up its coastal waterways has cost the state millions in federal grant money.

According to Arkin, a Portland attorney filed a lawsuit with the federal Environmental Protection Agency that claimed the state was not meeting its requirements as part of the Clean Water Act.

"The EPA did come in inspected and agreed that Oregon had not met its obligations under the Clean Water Act for the coastal area. They yanked millions of dollars of federal funding," she explained.

"Oregon has not agreed to improve its stream protection practices, as of yet," Arkin added.

Beyond Toxics has worked with some communities and municipalities to ban chemicals that have been tied to hive collapse. "We were the group that brought to Eugene, Portland and the City of Milwaukee city bans on neo-nicotinoids - those are the bee-killing pesticides.

"It is only on city property. There are legal reasons why we could not go farther than that. We are trying to introduce a bill this session that will ban the sale of those products in all consumer stores," she said.

Pesticides and herbicides impact all living things, she added.

Toxic report

Beyond Toxics did the first report on what happens herbicides in forestlands, Arkin said.

"The reason there is only one report, and it is our report, is because the public can't get that data. Down in Triangle Lake in Lane County because the EPA got involved in a situation down there. When the spray records got into the hands of the EPA, we filed a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request.

"So we got three years of spray records to do this report.

"That report has set the standard for what you now know about forestry. That report divulged to the public that there were cake mixes. No one really knew that before because the industry didn't tell you. In fact, what they told you -- that it was just one chemical -- was a big, fat lie.

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"We were able to show that they combined 2,4-D (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) with hexazinone (a broad spectrum herbicide), atrazine and ... they were just packing all this stuff in with petroleum oil and spraying the landscape," she said.

In addition, the report showed that areas were being sprayed more often and the amounts of chemicals per acre were increasing, she explained.

Arkin asked the people at the meeting to make copies of the notifications of spraying that they get. "We are trying to collect all the notifications that we can and analyze them.

"We analyzed a small set from Curry County that we found the area was sprayed four years out of five. They also sprayed six seasons out of 10. Sometimes, they sprayed two seasons in a year so someone was getting inundated by the drift or the vaporization twice in one year," Arkin said.

"Seventy-five percent of the spray contains 2,4-D. That is about the same we found in our study in Triangle Lake. 2,4-D was 50 percent of what was in Agent Orange," she said.

"We also saw that they repeated sprayed near the same streams," Arkin added.

Tree plantations sickly

Beyond Toxics partnered with some timber owners who manage their land more sustainably, she said. "We call them resilient foresters, who do not clear cut and do not use herbicides.

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