WHI Testimony Points for 11/15/12 Public Hearing Held by Portland Planning & Sustainability Commission

 As a Hayden Island resident and business professional, I have been involved with this WHI issue for ten years.

 I am an author of the original and subsequent Hayden Island Plan, and member of the WHI Citizen Advisory Group.

• The current Study Group's work is not finished, with major issues left inadequately addressed, namely:

1) environmental mitigation, as legally required,

2) full human health impacts on local communities,

3) adequate transportation access (especially to/from I-5),

- 4) no net loss and actual net gain of habitat function, and
- 5) full economic feasibility/sustainability, given real costs.

• This current group, if supported in its work for another quarter, has the capacity of adequately addressing all these points, and the 100-plus key questions still unanswered.

 The push for a decision now is completely arbitrary, artificial, and politically driven. The PSC holds itself to much higher standards; please vote your values!

• Immediately recommend to the Portland City Council this process be extended another three months, explicitly expecting resolution then on all of the above-listed points.

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