

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been made aware that there is an upcoming Comprehensive Plan hearing on September 23rd. The Planning and Sustainability Commission made a commitment to the community that it would not recommend allowing West Hayden Island development to move forward without a binding agreement in place that the Port of Portland fully mitigate for all impacts to the environment and the community. The draft Comprehensive Plan turns its back on that commitment and does an end run on five years of public process. It breaks faith with the community and the commitments of the Planning and Sustainability Commission.

I request that the Planning and Sustainability Commission remove the section on West Hayden Island from the Comprehensive Plan and instead retain its current zoning designations or designate it as open space. Please do not designate it for industrial zoning or future industrial development.

I believe that the City of Portland should not convert critical natural areas or open spaces to industrial use. If more industrial land is required, the focus should be on cleaning up the 900 acres of brown fields, intensifying use of the industrial land base, and preventing organizations like the Port of Portland from converting existing industrial lands to other uses in order to make a profit.

Thank you for your consideration.

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