

To whom it may concern:

The turnaround on the plans for West Hayden Island are wrong and unsubstantiated. They are ignoring the plans that have been set forth for this area in the past. Please consider the people and environment effected by these decisions. Development should not occur on West Hayden Island without binding plans to mitigate impact on the community and environment.

1) 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.

2) The Planning and Sustainability Commission should remove the section on West Hayden Island from the Comprehensive Plan and instead retain its current zoning designations or designate it as open space. It should not be designated for industrial zoning or future industrial development.

3) The City should not convert critical natural areas or open spaces to industrial use. If the City needs more industrial land, it should focus on cleaning up its 900 acres of brownfields, intensifying use of its 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.

--

Colin Helms
12384 NW Barnes Rd #309
Portland, OR 972290
(503) 516-9590

Colin Helms <colinhelms@gmail.com>