

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission,

I'm writing to you not only to advocate for protecting West Hayden Island as a natural habitat, but also as a citizen who believes its critical that you honor the commitments you have made to the public and you honor the clearly expressed public opinion that the public values in this important piece of land as a natural habitat.

You made a commitment to the community that you 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.

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 openspace. It should not be designated for industrial zoning or future industrial development.

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.

Thank you,

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