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To: Planning and Sustainability Commission; sam@portlandoregon.gov; Leonard, Randy; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Fritz; Commissioner Saltzman
Subject: Please vote "NO" on West Hayden Port Development

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission and Mayor and City Council,

Please support equity and a healthy environment.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission should reject efforts to railroad through annexation and rezoning of West Hayden Island to adopt before the end of the year. If the Port is not willing to step-up and address legitimate community concerns, then the only appropriate way to vote is "no on West Hayden Island Annexation and Rezoning." A City committed to equity, a healthy environment and sustainable responsible development can and must do better.

- **West Hayden Island Port Development Fails the Equity Test:** A Health Analysis by Multnomah County and Upstream Public Health released only two weeks ago shows that the development could have devastating impacts on the local community including a tripling of air toxic levels to 65 times the state benchmarks and displacement Oregon's largest manufacture home, affordable housing community which has been in place since the 1960s. The Port has refused to address these concerns and the Health Analysis was done so last minute that it not even been incorporated into the draft proposal being reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- **West Hayden Island Port Development Fails the Environment Test:** Mitigation packages currently on the table fail to adequately address loss of critical natural resource values such as shallow water habitat, wetlands, forests and grasslands and ignore floodplain impacts entirely. ODFW recently sent a letter strong criticizing the city and port for failing to meet either the states mitigation policy or its own guiding principles for this process. The proposed development will result in major further degradation of our already degraded urban rivers.
- **West Hayden Port Development Island Fails the Economics Test:** A report produced by ECO Northwest for the City reveals that adequate land already zoned form Port development, with far fewer impacts on the community and the environment, is available in Vancouver to meet regional needs. A region committed to long-term sustainable economic development should not support inefficient and destructive competition between Ports along the Columbia Corridor. Why is Portland allowing the Port of Portland to destroy natural areas and communities even as other local Ports struggle to fill their vacant land?
- **West Hayden Island Port Development Fails the Common Sense Test:** The WHI Plan is predicated on the CRC being built based on

already abandoned plans developed in 2011 and on hypothetical Superfund mitigation liabilities that will not be resolved until 2014. It doesn't make sense to address long term development WHI until these foundational issues are resolved.

- **West Hayden Island Port Development Fails the Fairness Test:** In June the City and Port went behind closed doors and tried to steamroll the community and the environment. Now they are doing it again. They are bringing forward a plan that addresses all of the Ports demands but fails to adequately address concerns that have been repeatedly raised about the community and the environment. The timeline is being driven by political ambitions to get it done by the end of the current term rather than by respect or concern for the community. There simply is not time remaining in the current year to resolve all the major loose ends and develop legally binding agreements to ensure compliance with agreements in the future. The community and environment are being sacrificed on the altar of political vanity.

The Oregonian's Steve Duin has done a tremendous job documenting failures of this process to date:

<http://search.oregonlive.com/steve+duin+west+hayden+island>

**Thank you,
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