

FOCC Testimony on West Hayden Island Development
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Friends of Clark County (FOCC) is a regional stakeholder for quality of life in Clark County. The local Columbia River Bend defines both the southern and the western borders of our County. Vancouver looks at Portland and Hayden Island. Ridgefield looks at Scappoose. We share the River and the associated natural resources. Development carried out in our Bend of the Columbia River affects us in Clark County as much as any other county in the Metro Area.

Friends of Clark County has three concerns.

1. The West Hayden Island is technically on the Oregon side of the river. However, it is a critically important natural resource area for our entire region. I have come here tonight as President of Friends of Clark County to express our concern that the parcel be fully protected as a natural resource.
2. Here we do not speak for the Port of Vancouver, but for ourselves. The Port of Vancouver already has land designated for marine industrial development. It does not make sense to add more land for this use at this time. Perhaps the most efficient use of the existing land base on both sides of the river would occur if both Ports collaborated based each other's strengths and did not duplicate services. Regional collaboration could improve our standing with state and federal governments relative to other regions.
3. We are currently spending hundreds of millions of dollars restoring Columbia River salmon runs. We cannot afford to undercut these efforts by destroying critical anchor sites like West Hayden Island.

Thank you for your time and consideration in allowing us an opportunity to give input to this process.

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