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Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission
1900 SW 4th Avenue
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RE: Hayden Island

On behalf of Gunderson LLC, we provide the following comments.

A thriving and growing harbor and transportation hub is needed to maintain and grow the family wage jobs at industries throughout the region, like Gunderson. Gunderson is an Oregon based company that manufactures marine barges and railcars on Portland's waterfront to export to North American markets. Our workers number 1,000 on average and are involved in communities throughout the City of Portland.

The Port's expansion is critically important for current and future generations. Portland is an international port with access to the world through the Columbia River. Portland's proximity to interstate freeways and railroads further supports our seaport activities. In fact, Portland's access to the entire United States is unique among west coast ports. Portland is the only major west coast port with at-grade access through the Cascade and Sierra Mountains. Furthermore, the development of Hayden Island has a fundamental multiplier effect on Portland's economy creating jobs, commerce, and access to world markets.

West Hayden Island has been planned for and reserved as industrial development for decades. Now is the time to begin to implement that plan. The impact on habitat will be addressed and offset through improvements in nearby locations, as required by law and exceeding legal requirements in many other instances. The Port can implement the plan with no net reduction in the area's ecosystem function. In addition, the Port has demonstrated that they are a responsible developer and will build a facility to the highest green standards.

We urge your approval of the West Hayden Island plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Eitzen", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Eitzen
Vice President and General Manager

cc: Mayor and City Commissioners