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Chairman Baugh and PSC Commissioners:

I wish to cover several points from the PSC Transmittal Letter sent by HILP to CC, re: WHI (9-23-14)

- ❖ **Severely negative community health impacts from marine terminal, industrial development. Air quality. Need less heavy industry, not more. Indeed, to really achieve Federal goals for air quality we need to cut back.**
- ❖ **No plan has ever been proposed for favorable cost-benefit trade-offs with other regional ports. To minimize impact on green areas and livability, Interport cooperation and consolidation needs to become the catchphrase.**
- ❖ **Harm to WHI's contiguous 826 acres of when 300 acres are split off and developed.** West Hayden Island is one of Portland's most important natural areas, and a major component of a green corridor that extends N and S across the Columbia River. It is home to bottomland hardwood forest, wetlands, meadows, floodplains and shallow water habitat. HI's natural placement, near the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers, is no accident, and it is but one of many islands and wetlands that used to fill the space between the bluffs of Vancouver, the western hills of Portland, and the volcanic flows that emanated from mount Hood. The web of life that has evolved within this vast "basin" is completely dependent on its natural features, and which is under attack due to the increasing industrialization of our area. WHI provides irreplaceable habitat for federally listed salmon and imperiled bird, bat and amphibian species. Splitting off and developing 300 acres will severely degrade WHI's role as habitat.
- ❖ **There will be no improved transportation infrastructure in the near future to support WHI development. This further affirms that WHI should remain farm/forest zoned.**

Since July 9, 2013, these and all of the same facts support your original conclusions. Therefore, now is the time to do the Right Thing . . . again, and exempt WHI from the Draft Comp Plan's Re-Zone Proposal! It doesn't fit your facts!