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**To:** Planning and Sustainability Commission  
**Subject:** West Hayden Island should not be industrial - island resident

Dear Planing and Sustainability Commission,

I understand that the development of West Hayden Island as industrial space has come up again... after most involved thought this was a dead deal.

I lived on Hayden Island for several years. I explored the islands coastline and got to know it's character. This piece of greenspace is a much understated area. It actually feels like a hidden waterway when you get back there on a kayak. Wildlife is everywhere. The beaches on the Columbia side would make for great family space... beach access in Portland is surprisingly limited.

Instead of giving this land to the port, to mismanage as they do much of their existing properties... why not give make this into a park, similar to Kelly Point Park. Give the public access to their lands. People of Portland are slowing starting to rediscover their waterfront and this could be a treasure in the future. The island could be a keystone in a waterfront recreation campaign, drawing new families and entrepreneurs to the city. An auto import parking lot won't do that.

Once this is paved over to make a parking lot for estimated car imports for the year 2025, this oasis for wildlife and recreation is gone. If the Port wanted to be forward thinking, they could make use of their underutilized existing facilities.. and there have been proposals of facility sharing with Vancouver, which has excess capacity and is only hundreds of feet away. (is this wise competition?).

There is plenty of existing degraded land the Port of Portland can mess around with... West Hayden Island is a hidden jewel and should not be another theft of the commons story. Please do the right thing for the future of the city.

Thank you for taking this into consideration,

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