

Hello,

I am extremely concerned that the Planning and Sustainability Bureau's updated draft Portland Comprehensive Plan includes a plan to develop 300 acres of West Hayden Island for industrial use. I was so happy to hear last year that the Port of Portland had withdrawn its annexation application, thinking that this would mean that West Hayden Island would be protected for wildlife. I understood that the PSC was committed to NOT allow West Hayden Island development to move forward unless there were a binding agreement to FULLY mitigate all environmental and community impacts. I am disappointed that this apparently, is not the case, and feel that moving forward on this plan will cause mistrust and frustration in the community.

I ask that you remove the section on West Hayden Island development from the Comprehensive Plan, and designate the area as open space, protecting it from future industrial development. This is a critically important wildlife area that should be preserved. One of the main reasons I moved to Portland 8 years ago, and plan to stay here, is to enjoy the wonderful progressive community and beautiful natural areas within and around this city. Of course I understand that the population is growing and that industry must grow, but I ask that critical wildlife areas NOT be compromised in order to make room for more industry to make higher profits. Certainly there are alternatives to accommodate a growing economy and still preserve natural areas.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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