

Dear Planning and Sustainability Commission,

The Planning and Sustainability Commission made a commitment to the community that it would not recommend allowing West Hayden Island development to move forward without a binding agreement in place that the Port of Portland fully mitigate for all impacts to the environment and the community. The draft Comprehensive Plan turns its back on that commitment and does an end run on five years of public process. It breaks faith with the community and the commitments of the Planning and Sustainability Commission.

The City should not convert critical natural areas or open spaces to industrial use. If the City needs more industrial land, it should focus on cleaning up its 900 acres of brownfields, intensifying use of its industrial land base, and preventing organizations like the Port of Portland from converting existing industrial lands to other uses in order to make a profit.

I am particularly concerned about the risk from transportation of fossil fuels, such as spills, and explosions, as well as the impact on global climate change that will affect us all.

Thank you,

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