



November 4, 2014

City of Portland Mayor and Portland City Commissioners
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Planning and Sustainability Commissioners
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
City of Portland
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100
Portland, OR 97201

Re: Draft Comprehensive Plan

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of the Yakama Nation to express our concern with the City of Portland's draft Comprehensive Plan proposal to develop 300 acres on West Hayden Island (WHI) for marine industrial terminals.

During the West Hayden Island (WHI) proposed annexation process, beginning in 2009 until 2013, Yakama Nation staff participated in regular meetings regarding development concepts, special studies, and mitigation plans. Commissioned studies related to the annexation process clearly indicated that the development of WHI would have high environmental impacts, considerable adverse community impacts and questionable economic benefits. The environmental costs of developing West Hayden Island ran counter to the responsible and sustainable development practices for which the City of Portland is noted.

At the end of the process, and after careful consideration of all the aspects of the annexation proposal, the Yakama Nation reached a determination that industrial development (including mitigation) of WHI is at odds with regional salmon recovery efforts; we are on the record as being opposed to the annexation of WHI for industrial development. At the end of the process, the Port of Portland withdrew its proposal.

The Yakama Nation is disheartened to see WHI identified yet again for industrial development as part of the City's draft comprehensive plan. **The Yakama Nation continues to oppose the designation of WHI for industrial development.**

Development of WHI will cause irreparable damage to an important natural resource feature in the lower Columbia River. Furthermore, this action will set the stage for development that adversely affects Yakama Nation's Treaty-reserved fishery resources and our vision for restoring the health and productivity of the Columbia River. Accordingly, we continue to oppose this action on the basis that it is contrary to the interests and efforts of the Yakama Nation to preserve, protect, and enhance Treaty trust resources and fishing rights.

No two acres of land are exactly alike, careful consideration should be given to the appropriateness of development of specific areas. Some areas are more appropriate for development, while others are important for providing biodiversity and wildlife habitat, water quality, or ecosystem functionality. WHI is clearly an area to be conserved and protected.

I urge you to honor the Yakama Nation's treaty reserved rights by considering a new vision to honor, protect, and restore West Hayden Island.

If you would like to discuss this matter in more detail, please have your staff contact Rose Longoria, the Regional Superfund Coordinator for Yakama Nation Fisheries. Ms. Longoria can be reached at 509-865-5121 x6563 or rose@yakamafish-nsn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Ward", written in a cursive style.

Paul Ward
Manager
Yakama Nation Fisheries