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To: [Planning Department](#)
Cc: annie@oregonshores.org
Subject: Re: Coos estuary plan- public comment
Date: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1:02:49 PM

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On Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 01:58:58 PM PST, chuck erickson <cerickson97838@yahoo.com> wrote:

Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan public comment December 31, 2023

1. The Coos Estuary plan development should include public safety zones that are marked with signs. Areas such as: proposed Superfund Clean Up Sites (South Slough,) and Industrial Marinas (South Slough) should be off limits for all shellfish harvesting. Shellfish bio-accumulate metals and other toxins. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) Seafood Safety Division designates this area as off limits to any commercial harvesting or growing. The public deserves this same safety precaution.

2. The ODA Shellfish Safety Division should also be consulted to determine if sewer plant outfalls mixing zones should be marked to protect clam diggers. If sewer plant outfall mixing zones are not safe for commercial use, we should assume it's not safe for recreational harvest. These areas should be closed and signs posted. Protecting the public and the tourists who visit Coos Bay should be a priority within the estuary plan development.

3. Bio-solids (sewage plant sludge waste materials) are currently being applied inside the Coos Bay estuary management zone. It is my understanding that this waste is not being monitored through regular testing to ensure it is not entering the bay. Biosolids have high levels of microplastics and other pollutants we don't want in our estuary. With the high amount of rain and the annual dumping of this waste, we may end up with a problem that makes Coos Bay unsafe for shellfish consumption. The estuary plan should make certain we don't wreck the bay. We need another solution for handling our bio-solid waste. Monitor by regular testing. Ask for help from our state colleges for research testing and funding through DEQ.

Conclusion:

Public safety and estuary health will ensure Coos Bay's future use by the public and wildlife. We have an obligation to plan to the best of our ability using science. This may be accomplished by all agencies including city and county government, the port, DEQ and ODA. All stakeholders' health and well being must be considered when we develop our estuary plan. Pollution should not be grandfathered in for any reason.

Chuck Erickson North Bend

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On Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 01:52:24 PM PST, Planning Department <planning@co.coos.or.us> wrote:

Mr. Erickson,

Written comments can be submitted to me until January 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

You can email them, mail or deliver. The office is not open on Fridays.

Thank you,

Jill

From: chuck erickson <cerickson97838@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 12:03 PM
To: Jill Rolfe <jrolfe@co.coos.or.us>
Subject: Coos estuary plan

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Jill,

Is it still possible to comment on plan development? If so how?

chuck erickson north bend

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