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Coos County Planning
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Coos County Courthouse
Coquille, OR 97423

RE: File # REM-19-01 Public comment

The Jordan Cove project and the large ships with a 500 foot exclusion zone on all sides will unreasonably interfere with my public trust rights to use Coos Bay for recreation. It will interfere with product development for my business, Power Hooker Tackle LLC. This interference is made worse because of the 240 transits per year during high tides these ships will make.

Crabbing is done during high tide slack. The best time to catch salmon is during the high tide slack which allows trolling in both directions. We also fish for perch and numerous different rockfish, lingcod and California halibut during high tides.

I spend money every year to buy a fishing license and harvest tags. I also buy a shellfish harvest permit. I am not willing to give up my rights for recreation on Coos Bay.

The dredge and fill project for Jordan Cove will remove our large sand shrimp beds in Coos Bay. This shrimp bed is being used for sand shrimp bait collection by fishermen. These beds should be protected because many of the northern bays have become infected with an invasive parasite that kills them. More important is how these shrimp are part of a healthy ecosystem and are necessary for healthy salmon and steelhead fisheries.

The dredging will also remove shellfish habitat. Shellfish are harvested by people and are also a food source for sturgeon and many birds. The dredge and fill project will unreasonably interfere with my public trust rights to harvest shrimp and clams.

I have fished for salmon for more than 50 years. I moved to this area for the opportunity to fish and develop new fishing lures for our online business. I am a native Oregonian and moved to the Coos Bay area so I could fish, clam and crab. I also kayak in Coos Bay and these LNG ships will interfere with this recreation. This also violates my public trust rights.

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Coos Bay is a public bay. I want to enjoy the remainder of my life recreating on Coos Bay. This project will ruin my recreation. It will degrade the environment. This bay does not need to be sacrificed for the benefit of shipping the bulk of natural gas from Canada. Canada should wreck their own bays to ship their natural gas.

My home is located in North Bend Oregon and we are down wind of Jordan Cove's proposed site. I do not feel safe with this project being built so close to my home. We live in an earthquake and tsunami zone. The distance being proposed is not adequate to ensure my safety. Both California and Washington State rejected this project because of safety concerns. These safety issues also violate my public trust rights.

The planning commission should look at other economic options. Barging shipping containers to Baja Mexico would benefit our area and setup trade between both countries. Walmart and Home Depot have opened in the Baja. Lumber is expensive in the Baja and so are many other consumer products. Mexico has many useful products that could be imported through the Port of Coos Bay. Shipping goods to Mexico would benefit local people and create new opportunity for everyone.

Sincerely,



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