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To: Planning Department
Subject: File # REM-19-001

Re: Comment under first open record period on REM-19-001/LUBA Case No. 2016-095

To: Andrew Stamp, Coos County Hearings Office
Coos County Planning Department
Coquille, OR. 97423

Dear Mr. Stamp,

As a resident of the Coos Bay Area for many years, I'm aware of the risk commercial fishing crews and their families accept when commercial fishing boats cross the bar and set out to make a living on the sea.

The current FERC DEIS acknowledges that there may be "slight delays resulting from meeting situations" between an LNG carrier and a commercial fishing vessel, because of security and safety zones...". But these "slight delays" at the time of a developing major winter storm could easily become life-threatening for a commercial fishing boat and its crew hurrying to enter the harbor with its catch, but required to wait for a loaded LNG carrier to transit the bay. News stories of recent tragic losses around the entrance to Coos Bay in rough ocean and bar conditions come to mind. I feel certain that if the JCEP project is approved, even with efforts made to regulate traffic in the lower bay and nearby ocean, the "meeting situations" FERC predicts may be inevitable and could cost some more lives. The public trust rights can work for the good of all, but I honestly feel that everyone and everything using the bay and nearby ocean will yield most rights to the massive carriers planned to visit the Jordan Cove LNG terminal.

I know of no data or polls to prove the impression I'm getting from anecdotes, that the presence and operation of an LNG export terminal on Coos Bay is going to have a significant impact on recreational crabbing and fishing on the bay. My brother and two fishing buddies living in Ashland have brought their two boats over for 3 or 4 days of crabbing and late salmon fishing every fall. They say they will probably not come for that if the JCEP project is developed. Dealing with their crab rings and LNG carriers in-transit with their traveling 500m security zones and the noisy busyness of a huge 4-5 year construction project will kind of break up the mood they say. And when completed, the massive terminal infrastructure—by far the largest on the bay—would continue to hinder their recreational experience, likely even beyond its closure.

Those are some serious concerns I personally have related to citizens' public trust rights and the construction, operation, and possible future presence of an LNG slip and terminal near Jordan Cove after closure.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

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