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Re: County Remand File No. REM-19-001/LUBA Case No. 2016-095

Jill Rolfe Coos County Planning Coos County Courthouse 250 N. Baxter Coquille, OR 97423

June 18, 2019

Re: County Remand File No. REM-19-001/LUBA Case No. 2016-095

Dear Hearings Officer Stamp,

The following are my comments to the County Remand File No. REM-19-001/LUBA Case No. 2016-095.

I am a long time citizen of Coos Bay and an active user of the Coos Estuary in many capacities, including crabbing, salmon fishing, kayaking, and paddleboarding. I crabbed in the lower Coos Estuary adjacent to the channel two of the last 3 days, which is a typical weekend for my family.

It is my belief that the activities to be allowed by the LNG export application violate our public trust rights, which are to be protected by the County. The lower Coos Estuary is currently and traditionally a heavy use area for recreational crabbing, salmon fishing, clamming, and boating/kayaking/paddling. There is also a commercial crab fishery that has a right to use the lower bay.

LNG transport vessels using the channel at high tide, which will occur many times annually, perfectly coincides with the prime crabbing and salmon trolling window. These vessels and their safety buffer will be so large that they will effectively block use of the channel and surrounding areas for long enough periods of time during these windows that thousands of recreational and commercial crabbing trips that occur annually, will cease to be viable.

Similarly, the bar will be out of commission during a large portion of the safest periods of time to transverse, and as export vessels will receive priority over recreational vessels, recreational and commercial ocean trips for crab, rockfish, and salmon will be greatly impacted. Therefore this project also violates public trust rights by impeding the public's ability to access and use the surrounding ocean for fishing, crabbing, sailing, and other boat-based activities.

These activities are cherished by locals and visitors alike. I value my time on the water to a degree that open and easy access to the bay for kayak fishing and crabbing was a large deciding factor in my decision to move here 17 years ago. I believe there are many others who feel the same way. This application should be denied by the county, on the basis that it severely impedes public trust rights.

Sincerely,

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