

Mr. Mayor and City councilors:

My name is Mike Washburn. My wife, Eura, and I live on Old Wagon Rd. Coos Bay. As a disclaimer, I want to note that, thanks to the BLM, our home and property are on the PacificConnector pipeline route.

My comments tonight are related to the written points made by Dr Janet Hodder to the Coos Bay Planning Commision and to you, dated August 21, 2019. We are in complete agreement with them.

Two issues in her letter stand out for me:

1. The U.S. Coast Guard, on two separate occasions, has stated that the current navigation channel is adequate for LNG tanker movement. The FERC, in it's Draft EIS, states the same. As such, there is no need to dredge the bay. Unless you think the Coast Guard doesn't know what they are talking about, this, alone, should be grounds for denying the application.

2. The Public Trust rights of the public will be violated. From what I have read over the past 13 years, very little attention has been paid to the current users of the bay. Crabbers, clam diggers, fishermen, ^{wind surfers} ~~surf boarders~~, kyakers, and people generally enjoying the Bay have been given short shrift in the discussion.

If you haven't already done so, I urge you to very closely read and consider Dr. Hodder's letter. It goes into much more detail and covers many more issues that are relevant to this discussion. And, it strongly supports a decision by this body to deny the application. Thank you.

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