

HEARLEY Henry O

From: HEARLEY Henry O
Sent: April 15, 2019 7:28 AM
To: Darcy Grahek; CALLISTER Jacob (LCOG)
Subject: RE: Comment for Coos Bay Planning Commission

Good morning Darcy,

Thank you for your comment. It has been received and will be included in the record.

Respectfully,
Henry

From: Darcy Grahek <darcygrahek@gmail.com>
Sent: April 14, 2019 8:30 AM
To: HEARLEY Henry O <HHEARLEY@Lcog.org>; CALLISTER Jacob (LCOG) <jcallister@lcog.org>
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Letter also attached as a pdf

April 12, 2019

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My family and me, for 4 generations have valued the Dungeness Crab and other shellfish harvested on or near the near Coos River. We can sustain these fisheries well into the future if we care for them appropriately. Please vote against changing the estuary management plan.

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Sincerely

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