



Planning
Attn: Carolyn Johnson
City of Coos Bay
500 Central Ave
Coos Bay, Or 97420

4/22/19

Dear Planning Department,
RE: Application Number 187-18-00153

I am writing to urge you change the zoning map on 3.3 acres of the Bay from 52-NA to DDNC-DA to allow dredging of the Federal Navigational Channel. My concern is the economic future of the Bay Area. I moved to Coos Bay 35 years ago. I could not get a job so I started a business and struggled for decades to adjust a business to the low incomes and lack of opportunity of our region.

Our future is in our Bay. We must begin to upgrade our marine and rail facilities. If we are able to widen and deepen our primary channel west of the rail bridge, we can begin to develop a marine facility that can attract outside investment. A container shipping facility is possible with modernization. A deeper wider channel is the first step. The Port now has another 20 million dollars to upgrade the bridges on our rail line.

Permanent prosperity is attainable, one step at a time. Widening and deepening the channel is a great first step. I would expect that all the environmental concerns to be addressed as they will be.

I do not expect prosperity to return to our community in my lifetime but if we do not begin it will never happen. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dick Leshley".

Dick Leshley
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