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Subject: Coos County Planning Commission Hearing to Alter the Coos Bay Estuary
Attachments: Comment to Coos County Commissioners on Pembina App to Alter Estuary- Jordan Cove.docx

Please find attached our comments on Pembina's application to alter the Coos Bay Estuary.

Thanks,

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Coos Bay Planning Commission and Coos Bay City Council
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Re: Pembina Application to alter the Coos Bay Estuary

We strongly oppose the issuing of permits for Pembina to alter the Coos Bay Estuary as part of the Jordan Cove liquid natural gas plant as homeowners whose property, quality of life, and enjoyment of the area's recreational opportunities would be directly impacted. It is our view that the proposed activities will harm Oregon's water resources, fishing, navigation, and public recreation as well as increase risks to public health and safety. We do not believe that the project has a goal of conservation, protection, or best use of Oregon's waters, and it will adversely impact water resources in the area.

With Shell Petroleum announcing they are putting \$40 billion into building an LNG export facility in Kitimat, British Columbia on which ground has already been broken, we wonder why a duplicative effort is needed here. That facility will export directly to Asia, thus competing with Jordan Cove. With ground already being broken on the Kitimat, BC project, there is no need to put Oregon's waterways, estuaries, and forests at risk. This is a bad business move that will leave the taxpayers of Coos County responsible for clean-up costs should Pembina decide to pull out of the project due to profit concerns.

We have a home very near where workers have been surveying an area to build the pipeline. We are within range of the hazardous burn zone that could occur if there were an accident at the plant or a tsunami-related explosion. The area is considered wilderness and the community is considered "rural", so the quality of the pipeline being proposed is of lower safety standards than would be required in a high-density population area. Any changes to the estuary will be devastating to the plants and animals that thrive at and depend on the bay. We moved to this area for its natural beauty, opportunities to hike and enjoy the forest and marine life that currently abounds. There is a national Sand Dunes park next to the proposed site of the plant, and currently people come from all around the country to enjoy its beauty. It is difficult to imagine that anyone would want to engage in recreational activities next to an LNG plant.

Construction of the LNG export terminal and the 229-mile pipeline would impact more than 485 rivers and streams, harming habitat for fish and polluting clean water. The project would also require dredging out and fundamentally re-shaping the Coos Bay estuary. We are deeply concerned that dredging the Coos Bay for LNG ships to enter the harbor would increase risks to our community for a tsunami. There is a bar from the harbor to the ocean that boats must cross in high tide only, and it is already a dangerous crossing in inclement weather. Given the size and security issues that accompany LNG ships, we are concerned that fishing and recreational boating would be necessarily curtailed or severely limited.

In addition, many of the forests that would be impacted by the pipeline have been in drought conditions for the past several years. A pipeline increases the risks of fires such as those seen in California this past year. Rather than increasing those risks, Oregon and Coos County should be doing what it can to prevent them.

In summary, being born and raised in Oregon, and knowing the people of Oregon, slamming a fossil fuel pipeline through the forests of Oregon, under the rivers of Oregon, and over the mountains of Oregon is so contrary to Oregon's values and the culture of our State. This is not who we are.

Please deny the permits to alter the Coos Bay Estuary and keep our community and its waterways and forests safe from the harm that the LNG project will naturally cause.

Sincerely,

Jennifer and Robert Legate