

To Whom it may Concern,

As a resident of Coos County, I wish to comment on the application filed by the Jordan Cove Energy Project (file No. 187-18-000153-PLNG-01).

I am strongly OPPOSED to granting this application for the following reasons:

1. Regarding the proposed map amendment to the Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan to change the designation of approximately 3.3 acres from 52-NA to DDNC-DA, I believe that Jordan Cove's proposal should be DENIED in order to maintain and protect the valuable eel grass areas which exist in this natural zone. These productive eel grass areas are critical habitat for the local fish and wildlife, and any changes to this natural area would have a severe impact on the local fishing industry, including crabbing, which is so beloved in this area.

2. Regarding the Estuarine and Coastal Shoreline Uses and Activities Permit for "New and Maintenance Dredging" in the DDNCDA, I believe that Jordan Cove's proposal should be DENIED in order to protect the critical natural habitat (including eel grass) in the areas proposed for dredging. Such dredging would cause irreparable damage to these specific natural habitat areas, and this large amount of dredging would impact the general health of the entire bay.

3. Regarding Estuarine and Coastal Shoreline Uses and Activities Permit to allow an accessory temporary dredge transport pipeline in the 52-NA, 53-CA, 54-DA and 55-CA Estuarine Zones, I believe that Jordan Cove's proposal be DENIED, for reasons similar to the above points. This proposed wide-scale dredging operation will have a negative impact on the ecological health of the bay's natural areas. And the proposed temporary pipeline, which would move dredged materials from one area to the bay to another, would further negatively impact this important natural resource.

In conclusion, the fishing and crabbing industry has been a mainstay in the local economy, and continues to be a big reason for increased tourist visits to the Coos Bay area. The local government should support efforts to protect this unique natural area, and should discourage development that will negatively impact the local fishing and tourism economies already in place. I urge you to DENY the Jordan Cove Project's proposals for major dredging in the channel.

Respectfully,

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