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The Dungeness Crab and other shellfish harvested on or near the near Coos River is vastly important to our community. We can sustain these fisheries well into the future if we care for them properly. Please vote against changing the estuary management plan.

Please abide by the existing Statewide Planning Goal 16 for our Estuarine Resources.

Thank You,

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Sent: April 16, 2019 5:38 PM
To: HEARLEY Henry O; CALLISTER Jacob (LCOG)
Subject: Public comment -Estuary re-zoning
Attachments: CB Planning-Vicki Affatati comment.pdf

Re: Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan and Jordan Cove Energy Project

Letter attached also as a pdf

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