



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative Boomer Wright
House District 09

April 1, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

Council Members;
Chair Gorelnik, Mr. Marc
Vice-Chair Pettinger, Mr. Brad
Executive Director Merrick Burden

Dear Honorable PFMC Council Chair Marc Gorelnik, Vice Chair Brad Pettinger, and Executive Director Merrick Burden,

As a co-sponsor of HB 3382, it has come to my attention that although enlarging the Coos River Bay to be a major West Coast Shipping Port will be a boon to the economic vitality of the Coos Bay community, it is also critical to address the impact that it may have to the viability of the ecosystem. Drilling, shooting, and doubling the depth of this estuary by the USACE with no upfront environmental protocol in place is questionable. There are potential impacts to habitat, fish populations, especially listed Coho, shellfish, seafood processors and tourism dollars that must be considered and mitigated for. We need to measure the ecological/economical gain vs. loss. It is important to me that solutions be formed through a collaborative process for the best possible outcome for the resource and the community that depends on it.

Would you be willing to provide us with some guidance on the potential impacts of by-passing local and state land use laws that this may have to this environment and how we may better plan for the best outcome?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boomer Wright", with a long, sweeping underline.

Boomer Wright
Member
Oregon House of Representatives