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I urge our Columbia County Planning Dept., Board of Commissioners, and Port Board of Commissioners DENY this PROPOSED MODIFICATION of DR 21-03.

1) Trains using this proposed railroad yard would have to block Kallunki Road every time they attempted to move or switch rail cars. There is no other emergency access road for residents, farmers nor the Port Westward Facilities. I suspect this would violate or conflict with any established Emergency Fire, Rescue and Chemical Spill Plans under Columbia County Port's jurisdiction.

Has the Clatskanie Fire Department been consulted to review this modification?

Have the other established businesses with trains using existing tracks from Port Westward signed contracts agreeing to allow (not) n-e-x-t use of their facilities to access ships?

2) Finding 97: I allege this proposed Stormwater Report and design is not adequate to deal with the reality of a floodplain on a major river such as the Columbia. Just because drainage areas are added to the plan does not mean the Beaver Drainage pumping stations can maintain them.

As a dikeland resident and witness to the 1996 and 1962 flooding of the lower Columbia River dikes, I evacuated my residence both times. The dikes or levees were saturated from rains over 2 weeks duration. Some areas "topped over" with water pouring over the access roads on top of the dike. My yard had about 8-10 inches of water from a "boil" or small hole in the toe or bottom of the dike. A neighbor helped me "ring the boil" with sandbags to slow erosion and potential collapse of the dike.

3) Finding 88: The county identifies "three mineral spring areas" identified as habitats for band-tailed pigeons. I believe these mineral springs may supply domestic waters to homes, livestock ponds and fish habitat. I allege the county's information is deficient and inaccurate. Bald Eagles, Great Blue Heron, and Snowy Egrets feed throughout this area. I believe Canada Honkers and another kind of goose nest in these areas.

Who completed the bird study or survey? What year? Can you provide me with a copy?

4) Finding 87: Flood hazard assessment is obsolete, dated Nov. 26, 2010. Subsidence of dike surrounding Beaver Island and the Port facilities is substantial. Costs of improving the dike to elevate to Army Corps standards is significant.

Who will bond or insure a hazardous industry built on a major Columbia River flood plain and on the recently discovered Stella fault, which goes under the Columbia River near Port Westward?

5) Finding 89: I question this Historic Overlay Assessment. Kallunki Road is near a little known Native American settlement of Locoda or Lakota. Springs at Kallunki Road junction with Quincy-Mayger Road are site of old native settlement. Some native graves are nearby. Another Native American settlement occurred at Hermo Road. Quinn's Landing, now Quincy, was a trading post. Lewis and Clark Trail is allegedly near Mayger. Have the tribes been contacted? The Seining Grounds near Hermo Road are also historic. Many artifacts have been found throughout this area.

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