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C/O Mike Ahmer & Amidy Fuson  
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Dear Mike and Amidy

This letter is in opposition to the proposed development of Wolf Lodge Bay. I retired from Idaho Fish and Game nine years ago after serving 21 years. For 18 of those years I was the Program Leader for the Kootenai River Fisheries Research studies and for 42 years I was a fisheries biologist (in four states). So I understand how sensitive aquatic ecosystems are and how vulnerable fish and wildlife are to man's activities.

When I first laid eyes on Lake Coeur d' Alene 30 years ago I could not help but think how blessed I was to move my family here and have the last 21 years of my career in north Idaho. We are so fortunate to live in this area. This is the Region most Idaho fish and game people want to retire to.

We need to protect what we have as more and more people move in because of the areas beauty and outdoor opportunities. The development of Wolf Lodge Bay is the wrong project to allow. It will infringe on the Bay and its fish and wildlife and be an eye sore to the bay's esthetic beauty. Just because a zoning oversight was made a decade ago this should not be a ticket to destroy a segment of Wolf Lodge Bay.

I was disappointed Idaho Fish and Game did not choose to make a stand for osprey, bald eagles, ducks, geese, shorebirds, kokanee, northern pike and the list goes on and on. When I heard testimony at the Kootenai County Commissioners meeting (regarding Wolf Lodge Bay development and attended by 100s) that the development would not infringe on the fish and wildlife I was shocked. Title 36 essentially says IDFG will protect, preserve and propagate Idaho's fish and wildlife -someone forgot to tell the staff at the Panhandle Office. The proposed development will have an impact on all those species I mentioned and more.

By now you've heard enough statistics on the importance of that bay to the life stages of various fish and wildlife, you don't need to be subjected to that repetition. But the development will also have an impact on the human users of that bay. Besides it will be in a dangerous location to motorists. Don't let people fool you trucks can use the BLM boat ramp to make turns.

I am 75 years old and most of the changes that I have seen have not been in the best interest of our natural resources. Unfortunately many Kootenai County citizens are still unaware of the proposed development. I know you have a big decision here but I have seen it before, so many times when the wrong decision is made there is no going back to fix it. Once the development project is approved there will be no opportunity to change the mistake.

Sincerely Yours, Vaughn L. Paragamian

