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 3284 W. Industrial Loop  
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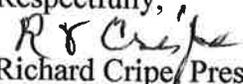
Dear IDL:

The Coeur d'Alene chapter of the National Audubon Society has as its mission to protect wild birds, their habitat, and their food sources. Our chapter has existed in Coeur d'Alene for about 30 years. During that time we have engaged in extensive educational programs for the general public and the public schools, have participated in various studies of citizen science and supported programs that protect the environment in general and protect the lives of our birds.

Our chapter wants to respond to the proposed development of a dock operation by North Idaho Maritime in Wolf Lodge Bay. This area of the lake, at the present, has little development and no industrial activity. It is a quiet region with few disturbances. The power boats, water skiers, and wave runners seldom venture this far east. Consequently, it is refuge of sorts for the birds that exist in this bay. Everyone is aware of the eagles that congregate over the year-end holiday to fest on spawning kokanee. Less obvious are the variety of ducks and geese who visit this bay year around - Golden-eye, Long-tailed, Canvasback, Redhead, Ring-necked, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Bufflehead, Common, Red-necked, and Hooded Merganser, Coot, Loon, as well as Canada and Snow geese.

We are also concerned about the increased activity that this proposal represents on this shallow bay. We understand that there will be no dredging, but the dock building activity will certainly stir up the bottom of the lake. We are aware of the challenge to the lake's health brought on by increased development resulting in increases in nitrogen and phosphorus and the resulting reduced oxygenation. There are 75 million tons of metal-bearing mud on the bottom of the lake which can potentially be released as oxygen levels drop. An increase in lead and cadmium in our water would certainly bring the EPA to declare Lake Coeur d'Alene a Super Fund site.

For these reasons we ask that the Idaho Dept. of Lands oppose this project.

Respectfully,  
  
 Richard Cripe, President  
 Coeur d'Alene Chapter, National Audubon Society

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