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Subject: Encroachment Permit Application No. ERL-95-S-1378B
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Please consider my attached comments and issue this permit.

Respectfully,

Jim Addis
Idaho State Representative
District 4, Seat A





House of Representatives State of Idaho

7/21/2020

Idaho Department of Lands

Re: Encroachment Permit Application No. ERL-95-S-1378B

Dear Land Board members.

I am writing you today in overwhelming support of the applicant, North Idaho Maritime.

Quite simply, NIM is essential to the operation, maintenance, and preservation of Lake Coeur d'Alene, for all stakeholders. NIM builds and repairs docks, installs stairs and bridges, and all the services required by the lakeshore property owner. What will become of our lake without these services? What will happen if we cannot fix a piling, or a lake pump that supplies essential fresh water?

In addition, NIM maintains and preserves our lakes and rivers on many fronts. NIM has performed a vital icebreaking service on the Coeur d'Alene river, ensuring that ice dams do not form that cause flooding, damaging the banks of the river, and damaging private property on the river. NIM is a leader in preservation. NIM has installed thousands of tons of riprap on the banks of our lake and rivers. Where riprap is not enough NIM has installed seawalls to ensure that our valuable waterfront does not erode, protecting the landowner and our natural resource. With the growth of Coeur d'Alene, and the use of bigger boats and the wakes they produce, NIM's performing of this vital service will only grow in importance. Imagine what will happen to our precious lake if we lose these services of NIM.

NIM also has a fleet of boats and barges that offer valuable services that other organizations cannot offer. These services range from shoreline armoring and preservation, to piling removal, hazardous material removal, and contaminated soil removal. NIM has also participated in gravel placement to support fish habitat, and erecting bird nesting platforms. NIM is even capable of, and has assisted in the recovery of sunken vessels, including train cars and airplanes

Just as important is NIM's contribution to the local economy, and its support of our community. John Condon has provided hundreds of well-paying jobs to local residents, supporting them and their families. John has supported many community organizations, ranging from Hospice, to CASA, to Christmas for all, to NIC Athletics.

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I know John. John is a quality individual who runs a quality organization. I've seen NIM's work first-hand. NIM is efficient, gets the job done right, and runs a clean jobsite. North Idaho Maritime is essential for the current and future wellbeing of Lake Coeur d'Alene, the private property owner, and those who use the lake. I strongly urge you to approve Encroachment Permit No. ERL-95-S-1378B

Respectfully,

Jim Addis
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