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To: [Comments](#)
Subject: North Idaho Maritime
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I am writing in support, please see attached letter to be added to comments on July 23, 2020 hearing.

Thank you,

Ron
208-704-5918



Idaho Department of Lands
Mica Supervisory Area
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ATTN: Amidy Fuson

Dear Ms Fuson,

I am writing IN SUPPORT of the North Idaho Maritime / John Condon application for a commercial dock and commercial work area permit on their property in Wolf Lodge Bay.

North Idaho Maritime serves a vital role in supporting all the activities on Lake Coeur d'Alene. From shoreline stabilization to dock building and maintenance to emergency services support, we around the Lake depend on them to be there when we need them. Their location is ideal in support of what they do and need- just off Interstate 90 and Highway 97 allows easy access to transfer materials and supplies to/from trucks and boats.

As a tourism business located on the Lake with tens of thousands of visitors each season, Lake ecosystem health is of the utmost concern. Additionally, we are located directly adjacent to this NIM site, just a quarter mile away- we may have more at stake in this proposal than any other entity, including NIM. Each of our guests will pass directly by this dock and operation, likely numerous times. For this reason, I have studied this proposal at length and have had several conversations with John Condon about their plans. I have attended and/or participated in every public hearing to this point. I've informed and educated myself about the facts as presented and have carefully evaluated the proposal from all the angles that would affect our business and property, including tight restrictions imposed by government entities that have oversight.

In the end, I see no reason to object to this dock and work area and staging of boats and equipment. Water-based industry is part of our Lake development and enjoyment; and it is a part of our area's attraction to visitors- they understand and are interested in the overall experience of Coeur d'Alene. Rather than being turned off by this operation, I think visitors will embrace it, be interested in it and appreciate it for what it is- jobs, industry, improvement.

I also do not think that the operation will in any way negatively impact the wildlife that we all love to see in Wolf Lodge Bay. Interstate 90 and Highway 97 and the thousands of cars and trucks daily have far greater potential for damage than this small operation- and the fish and eagles have thrived despite all this traffic, for years. We have resident bald eagles, elk, moose, beaver and many other species at Camp- we even have three treasured great blue heron that reside here and are quite timid...but they stay and thrive, in spite of all of our traffic, camp fires, noise and carrying on. NIM's operation will not have a negative impact here, and I consider us...even our guests...to be careful guardians of all our resident wildlife friends.

Again, I support this application for NIM. Please contact me any time with any questions or clarifications I can provide.

Sincerely,

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