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These are my comments for John Condon (North Idaho Maritime) and his encroachment application for Wolf Lodge Bay. Please enter in to the record. Thank you....

As a born and raised CDA native and avid boater, I am very familiar with our local lakes, especially Lake Coeur d'Alene. The services North Idaho Maritime provides are not only essential to our location but have existed long before any codification for lake uses existed.

The Wolf Lodge site being considered for this encroachment is likely the best suited location for dock construction and a marine services company to exist with the lowest impact to wildlife, boating, fishing and lake enjoyment. The east part of Wolf Lodge Bay is shallow, contains many underwater hazards and is not heavily used by power boaters in this particular location due to its depth and underwater obstructions. The south shore in this area is not a kokanee spawning area as it does not contain the gravelly embankments kokanee require and due to its shallow nature dries up in the winter season.

In addition, bald eagle feeding won't be impacted as waterside construction will be greatly reduced or impossible due to the lower water levels in this area during their migration through Coeur d'Alene during their spawning and subsequent death.

In keeping with the prior comments of the Fish And Game, Department of Lands, Idaho Transportation Department, local engineers and citizens as well as the existing commercial zoning which is incredibly rare along the shores of the lake, I strongly support the approval of this application.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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