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RE: COMMERCIAL NAVIGATIONAL ENCROACHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION  
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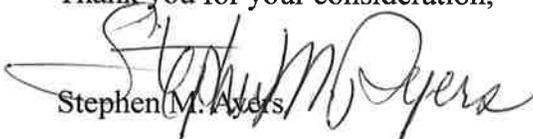
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I write regarding the application of North Idaho Maritime for a permit to construct a dock and work area in and above the bed and water of Coeur d'Alene Lake on the south side of Wolf Lodge Bay. I urge that the Department of Lands deny the application.

Section 58-1301 of the Idaho Code requires a weighing of the navigational or economic necessity of the proposed encroachment against the interest of the people of this state for the protection of property, navigation, fish and wildlife habitat, aquatic life, recreation, aesthetic beauty and water quality. What is the biggest benefit to the people of Idaho? I submit that in this balancing test the non-economic interest of the people outweigh the economic interest of the applicants.

I have been a resident of the state of Idaho all my life, and have lived the last 44 years in Coeur d'Alene. I have boated and kayaked in the area under consideration and know it to be shallow water even when the lake is at its full summer level (2128 feet). I am concerned that using tug boats or other commercial watercraft in this area will disrupt the bed of the lake and the flora and fauna which lives there. The activities of the applicant will likely cause a severe turbidity problem, affecting aquatic life and water quality. If the permit is granted this threat will go on into perpetuity and set a bad precedence for other commercial activities in an area which needs protection from this type of commercial development. The application should be denied.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
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