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Lands and Waterways

Re: Application for encroachment in Cougar Bay by North Idaho Marine

I am writing because of concerns about issues I have with permitting of NIM storage in Cougar Bay. I went to the meeting which was held on permitting Murphy's dock business moving to Cougar Bay and remember that part of the deal was that Murphy was permitted to store docks in Cougar Bay. The marina and storage rights NIM had were sold to Murphy and NIM no longer had holdings in Cougar Bay. It was stated that if NIM was to use Cougar Bay they would have to sub lease what they needed from Murphys. NIM stayed in Cougar Bay and never subleased from Murphy so I assume they paid nothing for their use of the Bay.

Idaho Department of Lands couldn't give NIM a lease because they were not lake shore property owners. NIM purchased property in Wolf Lodge Bay and successfully proved it was commercial zoned and were permitted to build a landing and do dock building in Wolf Lodge. I read in the Press that Fish and Game and others said no harm would be done by their activities. If they are going to lease part of the lake for work and storage, why isn't it adjacent to their property? If you allow them to have their lease in Cougar Bay isn't that setting precedent for other lake property owners to ask for leases to locations they might find more advantageous or convenient for them?

Now I will address the effects you asked about

1. Esthetics

This will affect property owners in Cougar Bay's view of the lake. I don't think there are many neighbors in Wolf Lodge Bay.

2. Wild Life Habitat

We are now seeing Milfoil in Cougar Bay. Hauling barges and docks, etc. From all over the lake has to transport noxious weeds into and out of our Bay.

3. Protection of Property

If you permit NIM to be in Cougar Bay we would like you to consider making them responsible for shore cleanup as we are having to clean up debris from work performed and docks damaged from storms, etc. They could patrol seasonally and pick up logs and debris from demolition and construction.

Thanks for allowing our input. We are the owners of family property in Cougar Bay for over 100 years.

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