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Subject: RE: Commercial Marina Expansion on Lake Pend Oreille L96S0884G
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Hi Amidy,

Docks, piers and pilings are an encroachment in lakes and rivers that can be detrimental to fish and fish habitat. The Pend Oreille River has been ESA designated as Critical Habitat for Bull Trout (threatened) by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A Critical Habitat designation identifies geographic areas that contain features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management or protection.

Shoreline modifications such as docks and breakwaters benefit piscivorous predatory fish species including Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and Northern Pike, all of which have become increasingly common in the Pend Oreille River in recent years. Northern Pike and Walleye, based on diet analysis, pose a risk to the established fishery, to include native Bull Trout and Westslope Cutthroat Trout.

This encroachment is a sizeable one, and will take up a portion of the Pend Oreille River that is popular with anglers, and bring piscivorous fish habitat closer to the channel used by native salmonids for annual migrations. This could have a negative effect on those populations.

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment.

Have a nice Thanksgiving,

Merritt Horsmon

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Good morning,

Please review the attached application for a commercial marina expansion on Lake Pend Oreille. Have all comments in by November 27, 2024.

Thanks,



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