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On Behalf Of: Protect US Fishermen  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB3382

My name is Karie Silva, and I live in Coos Bay. I am part of a multigenerational fishing family that has been operating off the Oregon coast for almost four decades. On June 1st, I gave a public comment during the second and third readings of HB 3382, which I vehemently oppose.

House Bill 3382 raises a number of concerns for me. The first is the speed with which legislation is being passed in what has been called an emergency. Your constituents have inquired about the nature of the emergency. With all due respect, our response is, it is to expedite the passage of HB 3382 before more members of our communities' research and educate themselves on the dangers this bill poses to our estuaries and are able to provide detailed opposition remarks. To date, hundreds of concerned community members have expressed opposition to HB 3382 through public comments and or submitted comments. I humbly request that you read and evaluate the concerns of your constituents regarding HB 3382, and then take appropriate action. I respectfully request that you cease all efforts to move forward with this bill and its amendments.

Second, I am deeply concerned about the impact of HB 3382 on our estuaries, ecosystems, oceans, and marine life in general. Our economies, bottom fish, shellfish, and crab, as well as recreational fishing and tourism, are all threatened by HB 3382. These industries rely on the health of estuaries, which would be jeopardized if the port of Coos Bay was allowed to operate without regulations and accountability. HB 3382, if passed, will set a dangerous precedent by permitting major developers to circumvent Oregon's land use laws that safeguard the state's cultural resources, ecosystem, and communities. Exempting certain developers from land use laws and regulations, allowing them to do whatever they want without going through the permitting process to provide adequate information on an environmentally safe way to protect our estuaries from being destroyed. Is wrong! Following the issuance of permits, the developers will demonstrate to our communities that they care about and respect our estuaries. Once they have demonstrated an environmentally safe method and have gained the necessary permits, employment will be secure and abundant.

I urge you to stop HB 3382.

Taking care and protecting Oregon the Oregon way.

Thank you for reading and considering my concerns regarding House Bill 3382.