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I strongly oppose HB 3382. The potential negative implications of this bill for coastal ecosystems, urban habitats like West Hayden Island, and fisheries across the state would be enormous. It would weaken enforceable policies associated with the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), which is designed to ensure that development does not have unacceptable adverse impacts on Oregon's valuable coastal zone.

That means at the local and state level, our land use authority and consistency requirements over federal projects could be undermined. This has serious implications and could re-open the door to the disastrous Jordan Cove LNG terminal. Additionally, it would remove mitigation requirements for dumping contaminated dredging material in important habitats on islands along the Columbia River. It could also jeopardize on-going efforts to update Oregon's estuary management plans, with direct impacts to fragile estuarine ecosystems so important for wildlife, migratory birds, as well as Oregon's economically important fisheries.

Oregon's lawmakers should not throw out the very rules we need to safeguard our coastal and aquatic habitats, for the benefit of one industry.