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February 4, 2014

Jim Chambers
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Dear Mr. Chambers,

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) is supportive of the Lincoln County Parks Department moving forward to secure grants for the development of a public boat launch facility on the Alsea River located at 6977 E. Alsea Hwy (Tax Lot Map 13-10-30-DF Lot 100).

The development of a public boat launch facility on the lower Alsea River has been a high priority for the ODFW Mid Coast District and NW Region in recent years. The Alsea River supports a very popular and heavily utilized fall salmon fishery. The vast majority of fishing pressure occurs within the tidewater portion of the Alsea River by motor boat anglers. The largest portion of which occurs in close vicinity to the proposed boat launch facility. The nearest public boat launches are the Port of Alsea, about 7 river miles downstream, and in a private community about 4 river miles upstream. Upriver travel to prime fishing grounds from the Port of Alsea boat launch is often precluded because of navigational hazards such as shallow water, large sand bars and embedded large woody debris. The upriver boat launch can only support parking for about 5 vehicles and trailers with no room for expansion.

The Mid Coast District has been looking for opportunities to help facilitate a public boat launch in the mid tidewater portion of the Alsea River, but options have been very limited. The most difficult factor is locating a parcel of land large enough to facilitate a public boat facility as this section of the Alsea River is either constrained by a relatively narrow valley, developed in small lot housing communities or consisting of large wetlands.

The proposed site appears to have the necessities for a very successful project, such as adequate acreage, access to Hwy 34, and existing infrastructure in the form of onsite electricity, septic system, RV pad(s) and dock. The location is also a key aspect and will allow for easy access to productive fishing grounds as well as access to the river for a variety of other recreational uses. ODFW strongly supports the Lincoln County Parks Department in their efforts to develop the site into a boat launch facility.

Sincerely,

Derek Wilson
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Letter of support

1 message

Maggie Rivers <portofalsea@casco.net>

Thu, Feb 13, 2014 at 10:48 AM

To: kandresen@co.lincoln.or.us

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Dear Keith:

The Port of Alsea strongly supports the efforts by Lincoln County and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to acquire property along the Alsea for the purpose of installing a public boat launch facility. As you know, the Alsea has a strong fall chinook run, which is actively fished by anglers from all over the state, and neighboring states. This fishery helps support the local economy and provides anglers with months of opportunities for good fishing. However, the only public boat launch is at the Port of Alsea, in the lower river, while some of the best fishing is mid-river at about four to ten miles up. Many of the private marinas along that stretch of the river have fallen into a state of disrepair or have closed, severely limiting access for boaters and anglers. A public boat launch in the location you are currently looking would be well received by the boating and fishing communities, by non-motorized boaters, and by the community at large. The Port thanks you for your continued efforts in trying to provide this much needed public boat launch facility.

Sincerely,

Maggie Rivers, Port Manager
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February 6, 2014

Dear Mr. Chambers,

Alsea Sportsman's Association would like to recommend moving forward with the proposed boat launch site at 6977 E. Alsea Hwy. As you know we have been advocates of additional boating access sites on the Alsea for some time. The beautiful facilities which Lincoln County Parks Department has constructed on other rivers reflect well on this site's design and location. The residents of the area and visitors from outside the valley are very excited about the additional recreational and angling opportunities this project will bring. As you well know from our conversations the Alsea Tidewater is in need of this facility and ASA will be happy to be of any assistance in moving this boating site toward fruition.

I would like to thank you personally for your hard work in making this happen. We all know it was not an easy site to locate and your perseverance is deeply appreciated.

Marc Davis
President, Alsea Sportsman's Association