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I was in attendance at the public meeting held at the Quay last evening and would like to thank all those representing your organization for the information available and the knowledge of your representatives of their subject. The open house portion of the event was well manned and, without exception, the representatives were available for questions and explanations. The hearing comments were handled with utmost professionalism and patience. The three minute time limit allowed citizens time to make their point without belaboring. The moderator of the public hearing was extremely polite and patient. There were valid points made and some not so valid points.

Of concern to me was the often mentioned lack of information available to citizens for the project at hand. I cannot imagine where these people have been for the last 6 years. I feel that you and all the governmental and citizens groups that have been a part of this project from its inception have gone to great lengths to keep all citizens and agencies involved. Speakers have been available to all who have requested no matter how small the group. Newspaper and television coverage and editorials, mailings, emails and tables at public events have all been available to each of us. Public information events have been available at a variety of times and places on weekdays, week nights and weekends to be available for all interested and concerned. Questions that I have asked have been answered at these events, by phone or email in a timely and professional manner by the agency involved. Their patience is appreciated and to be admired.

My feelings are that we must take some responsibility to become part of the process before you feel it is being thrust at you. Life around you does take a bit of research. Your group has done nothing but try to keep the public involved from the inception of the Columbia River Task Force. I for one thank you for your efforts.

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