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Ms. Heather Gundersen
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Dear Heather:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Columbia River Crossing. Attached are the comments of the Hayden Island Plan Steering Group after reviewing the document.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to Ed Garren, 503-922-0338, ed@edgarren.us or Brad Howton, 503-283-4942, bhowton@pacifier.com. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit our comments and for your continued cooperation in working with the Hayden Island community in the development of the Hayden Island Plan and the Columbia River Crossing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alice Ann".

Alice Ann Wetzel
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on behalf of Hayden Island Plan Steering Group

cc Hayden Island Steering Group

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Subject: Comments for the CRC DEIS

The Hayden Island Steering Group is actively involved in the development of a plan for East Hayden Island (the plan). The plan includes a vision for the community and a plan for Hayden Island in accordance with the City of Portland's long-term economic, environmental and livability goals. The Steering Group is an advisory body to the City of Portland staff and Planning Commission regarding recommendations for development of the East Hayden Island Plan. The Steering Group is composed of representatives of key stakeholders or stakeholder groups.

It is noted that the Audubon Society is a member of the Steering Group and has its own stance on the Columbia River Crossing project and did not participate in preparing the submission below. Likewise the Steering Group representative from the Oregon Department of Transportation did not participate in this submission.

The Hayden Island Plan Steering Group at its meeting on 13 May 2008 prepared the following recommendations on the Draft EIS for the Columbia River Crossing:

1. Support the construction of a replacement bridge with light rail transit – Alternative 3 in the Draft EIS.
2. Support the construction of auxiliary lanes connecting Hayden Island to Portland without accessing the main span of I-5.
3. Support light rail transit aligned along the west side of I-5.
4. Support high quality architectural design and construction for light rail station.
5. Support locating the light rail station adjacent to or over the intersection with Tomahawk Island Drive.
6. Support world class bicycle and pedestrian facilities connecting Hayden Island with Portland and Vancouver.
7. Support the extension of Tomahawk Island Drive under the new segment of I-5 through the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter.
8. Support the redevelopment of the Thunderbird Hotel site as a park after the construction of the CRC.
9. Support the redevelopment of the riparian margins and in-stream attributes of the areas under the new and old bridges crossing North Portland Harbor and the Columbia River.
10. Support the redevelopment of North Hayden Island Drive and North Jantzen Avenue as public roads to the west to the center intersection of the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter, as shown in the SuperCenter's current redevelopment plan.