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We live at the Jantzen Beach Moorage in a floating home. We have attended several meetings on the project and have reviewed the EIS Draft and subsequent plans and ideas for this project. We can all agree that something must be done to alleviate the congestion on I5. The plans are very comprehensive and will affect many businesses and homeowners along the planned route. Every meeting addressed a multitude of issues, some had answers to give that were acceptable and many answers went unanswered. The biggest concern that we have is the total disruption to our quality of life. We moved down to the river for the lifestyle and to be on the water close to the things in life that we cherish. These include being close to nature and being close to friends. The Jantzen Beach Moorage is a community of families that value nature and living on the river. If this project does not consider the loss of value to homes not only the ones that will be condemned but the ones where the bridge will be directly over their homes the project will fall short of being fair and just. Therefore all of your plans and cost estimates must include the proposal of building a similar moorage where the homes affected by this project will have the opportunity to be moved. The projections of only displacing 13 floating homes in our community is severely under estimated. The true number would be more in the 30 - 40 home range. One of these homes is mine and I want to be reassured that the value and quality of life we treasure will not be compromised. If it is compromised we want to be compensated with not just money but the opportunity to continue in the manner and style we have worked so hard to accomplish.

Thanks,  
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Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the DEIS disclosed all known floating home displacements that would result from the two highway and two transit alternatives crossing the North Portland Harbor (pages 3-105 and 3-112, respectively). The DEIS also listed potential mitigation measures tailored to suit the unique situation of the floating home community (page 3-119).

For the FEIS analysis, the CRC project team has worked to better understand the organization of the floating home communities in the North Portland Harbor. As presented in Chapter 3 (Section 3.5) and Chapter 6: Public Involvement of the FEIS, the team coordinated with floating home owners, moorage owners, Boards and management, to gather address and ownership information for each floating home. The impacts to individual floating homes are described in Chapter 3 (Section 3.3) of the FEIS and listed in Appendix E.

In the course of conversations with potentially affected property owners, CRC staff received inquiries about the potential for constructing a new marina to accommodate displaced floating homes. To better understand issues related to new marina permitting and construction, project staff conducted research on the development of marinas. This research found likely challenges to developing a new floating home marina, including the challenge of receiving permits through local jurisdictions and environmental resource agencies. The project is not pursuing construction of a floating home marina.

As with any other acquisitions, the CRC will obtain independent appraisals to determine fair market value for each home that must be displaced but cannot be relocated. Qualified acquisition agents will work closely with each floating home owner to try to arrive at mutually agreeable terms for the purchase of each home. The agents will also provide relocation assistance to all displaced occupants.

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