Matt Harding

My name is Matt Harding. I"m with the Port of Vancouver down in the Columbia River. Thanks for hosting the hearing. I appreciate the opportunity comment. I just want to make the comment that there are some of the provisions here in the shoreline update that specifically towards the shoreline stabilization and the vegetation conservation methods that are in conflict with the uses that we have at the port. We have security needs to be able to see ships coming and going and we need to have the ability to protect our shoreline and direct line of sight to the ships. That is going to be challenging.

Also have concerns with well a lot of the other provisions, the exemptions and that there"s a significant reach, a regulatory reach at a time when we"re hearing there"s potential significant cutbacks to state funding that could be a recipe for well, not for success. So we look forward to providing more written comments, but just wanted to make that, so thank you.