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Dear Congressman DeFazio,

The purpose of this letter is to voice support of the Port of Bandon's marina project for a new dock.

The Port of Bandon's marina is a major tourist draw as well as to bring considerable enjoyment to our local citizenry. The Port's vision has had a huge and positive impact on converting the Port's, the community's and the county's economy from a declining wood products economy to a thriving tourism destination. The marina and docks are an integral manifestation of that vision.

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April 9, 2021



The Honorable Peter DeFazio
U.S. House of Representatives
2134 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA), I write in support for the Port of Bandon's request for Federal funding to replace the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

PNWA has over 150 members from around the Northwest that support projects to advance the region's freight mobility, economic health, and competitive position in world markets. We encourage development of the region's land and water-side access and connectivity to ensure safe, secure, and efficient links to domestic and world markets.

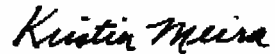
Oregon's ports and harbors rank among the state's most valuable assets and are critical to maintaining and creating jobs. In Oregon, there are 15 communities with small ports with ocean access. Nearly all of these ports are located in rural communities. In every one of those communities the port is the equivalent of their anchor business. These small ports provide an important employment base and are often primary drivers of local prosperity.

The Port of Bandon attracts approximately 300 vessels per year and gained a strong tourism presence through sport-fishing and recreational crabbing. Tourists enjoy a full range of recreational activities including full marina facilities, recreational docking, and a scenic river walk and boardwalk. A 2014 study funded by the State of Oregon concluded that the Port of Bandon's access to the ocean and river supports an annual economic output of over \$60 million and plays a key role in generating approximately \$5 million in annual federal tax revenue. It also directly supports 54 local businesses ranging from fishing supplies to restaurants and lodging, and over 600 Oregon jobs (direct and induced).

All ports, no matter their size, are important to commercial and recreational fishermen alike. The commercial tuna fishing vessels often spend two weeks at a time between 100 and 200 miles offshore. Some boats are only capable of approximately 7 knots in heavy weather, and as they are so far offshore, if unsafe weather is forecasted, the boats must travel to the nearest harbor. If the forecast is inaccurate, the only course may be for the boat to head downwind to the closest port on that trajectory. When weather is foul, any harbor, big or small, is safer than being at sea. PNWA supports the effort to ensure the Port of Bandon continues to provide this critical "safe harbor" function for the region.

I appreciate your full and fair consideration of the marina dock and pile replacement at the Port of Bandon for Federal funding as a Community Project Funding Member request in the fiscal year 2022 appropriations or in larger infrastructure legislation. Thank you very much for all of your efforts on behalf of our region.

Sincerely,



Kristin Meira
Executive Director
Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

April 10, 2021

Jeff Griffith
Port of Bandon
390 1st Street SW
Bandon, OR 97411

Dear Jeff,

I am pleased to provide the Port of Bandon this letter indicating the Bandon Chamber of Commerce's strong support for the Port's request for funding assistance to replace the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

The Port and its' boardwalk, boating, fishing and crabbing facilities are one of the major attractions for many of the thousands of tourists who visit Bandon each year. These are critical elements supporting jobs and maintaining the quality of life for our citizens. We are working diligently to encourage tour boat operators, kayak and paddleboard operations as well, who would be based at the Port's marina.

Improving the boat basin is particularly important during the ongoing economic crisis. These facilities are incredibly integral to the continued financial health of our tourism market, and sport and commercial fishing sectors, which are the mainstays of our local economy. We also appreciate the Port for its dedication to providing our local residents with a safe and functional boat basin.

In conclusion, the Bandon Chamber of Commerce fully supports the efforts of the Port of Bandon as they seek funding to replace the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure. This work is necessary and years overdue. Thank you for your work to keep our port updated and viable.

Sincerely,



Margaret Pounder
President/CEO

THE SOUTH COAST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
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The South Coast Development Council's mission is to promote and support businesses that provide quality jobs through responsible development on Oregon's South Coast.

April 12, 2021



Dear Representative DeFazio;

The South Coast Development Council, Inc. enthusiastically supports the Port of Bandon's request for funding assistance to replace the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

The Port of Bandon's boating, boardwalk, fishing, and crabbing facilities are the central attraction for thousands of tourists who visit the Bandon area each year and are used extensively by residents and fishermen alike. These are critical elements retaining jobs and the quality of life for our citizens.

In addition, improving the boat basin is particularly important during the ongoing economic crisis, since these facilities are integral to the financial health of our leisure and hospitality industries, sport, and commercial fishing sectors, which are the keystones of our local economy.

Further, we anticipate improved facilities, may facilitate conversations around industry attraction to the Port of Bandon and surrounding area. There is also a potential to leverage these new investments to attract and retain private enterprise, as well as business service professionals looking at remote living opportunities which provide a high quality of life.

Thank you very much for your efforts on behalf of the Southern Oregon Coast. Should you have any questions about the South Coast Development Council, Inc., our support of this project, please do not hesitate to call at (541) 808-7774 or email: Shaun@scdcinc.org.

Sincerely,

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Shaun Gibbs
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April 12, 2021

Subject: Port of Bandon

Representative DeFazio;

Wild Rivers Coast Alliance (WRCA) is pleased to support the Port of Bandon's request for funding assistance for replacing the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

The Port's boating, boardwalk, and fishing and crabbing facilities are the central attraction for many of the thousands of tourists who visit Bandon each year, and are used extensively by local residents and fishermen. These are critical elements supporting jobs and maintaining the quality of life for our citizens.

The boat basin is particularly important as these facilities are integral to the financial health of the tourism market, and sport and commercial fishing sectors, which are the mainstays of Bandon's local economy, especially as the crisis has increased the interest for outdoor recreation facilities.

As the grant making department of Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, WRCA has funded projects with the Port of Bandon with successful implementation that support local economic development and ecological enhancement.

Thank you very much for your continued support of our South Coast region.

Sincerely,

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Marie Simonds
Executive Director
Wild Rivers Coast



April 14, 2021

Dear Representative DeFazio;

This is to express the City of Bandon's strong support for the Port of Bandon's request for funding assistance for replacing the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

The Port's boating, boardwalk, and fishing and crabbing facilities are the central attraction for many of the thousands of tourists who visit Bandon each year and are used extensively by residents and fishermen as well. These are critical elements supporting jobs and maintaining the quality of life for our citizens.

Improving the boat basin is particularly important during the ongoing economic crisis, since these facilities are integral to the financial health of our tourism market, and sport and commercial fishing sectors, which are the mainstays of our local economy. In addition, we anticipate the new infrastructure may leverage and attract new investment of private enterprise into the area.

Thank you very much for your efforts supporting the economy of our South Coast region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Schamehorn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Bandon Mayor Mary Schamehorn

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Lincoln City, OR 97367



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nancy@oregonsalmon.org

April 15, 2021

Dear Representative DeFazio,

The Oregon Albacore Commission offers our full support for the Port of Bandon's request for funding assistance for replacing the deteriorating marina dock and pile infrastructure with a new facility.

The Oregon Albacore Commission is an industry-funded state commodity commission under the Oregon Department of Agriculture representing the Oregon commercial albacore fishing industry. At our April 14, 2021 meeting, commissioners approved unanimously writing this support letter.

Oregon ports and harbors are important to our fisheries allowing them to have safe access when the weather turns bad. No matter the size of the port, each is important when a vessel needs to get off the ocean quickly.

Our Oregon albacore fishermen spend many days at sea, often two weeks at a time, and when the weather turns, they need to find a "safe harbor" quickly.

Not only do these ports offer safe access, but they provide an important income resource for the communities through the local businesses ranging from fishing supplies, fuel, restaurants, lodging, and more.

We ask that you support the Port of Bandon's funding request to allow them to continue providing these vital services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Nancy Fitzpatrick, Executive Director
Oregon Albacore Commission