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I whole heartedly oppose HB 3382. As we are working to clean up the pollution from years of oil and methane use we cannot abandon our environmental considerations when constructing deep navigation channels or our land use laws.

I see the Senator from Coos Bay, the honorable David Brock Smith is one of the sponsors. As much as I want to see the Off-shore Wind project in Coos Bay move forward quickly we cannot abandon environmental laws to make that happen faster. Nor do we need to. The Mott and MacDonald study of infrastructure in Coos Bay found "the width of the presently proposed navigation channel improvements by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) can likely support the smaller size range of floating foundations (~200-250ft)," Although the report goes on to say that 'additional widening of the channel would be required to support larger foundations' that environmental study can begin now and I am certain can be completed by the time the off-shore project is fully established. We may need to look at ways to streamline the process but, given our past experience, we must not approve by passing environmental water and land use laws to expand ports without due process. (Link to the Mott and MacDonal report: <https://simplybluegroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Coos-Bay-Offshore-Port-Infrastructure-Study-Final-Technical-Report.pdf>)

I don't know what projects the other Ports have in mind but after the generations of abuse to our environment, this is not the time to back off any protections or mitigations. If we need to move faster we need more funding for staff and streamling of approval processes, not the option to proceed without compliance.