



CONFEDERATED TRIBES  
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David Hanson, president  
Board of Commissioners  
Port of Kennewick  
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Kennewick, WA 99336

Dear Mr. Hanson:

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), I would like to express our support for the Port of Kennewick's Clover Island Shoreline Improvement and Urban Renewal project. We feel this project is important to the local community through job growth and economic diversification as well as enhancing the quality of life regionally.

One of the intended results of this project is restoration of habitat for salmon runs. The removal of the sterile concrete shoreline will improve habitat for fish through bioengineered banks with native plantings. The juvenile fall Chinook in the Hanford reach we seine annually move by this area and would benefit from more natural stream banks with vegetative cover. The water temperature may also be reduced by the addition of larger shade trees and by the removal of concrete on the banks that impede plant growth and act as a heat sink.

The island now known as Clover Island is within the lands ceded by the CTUIR to the United States government in the Treaty of 1855. We continue to pursue restoration of the resources and rights the CTUIR reserved in the Treaty through habitat restoration and other land management actions. Since the construction of the McNary Dam, a wide variety of actions have been taken on the reservoir which has further degraded salmon habitat.

The CTUIR supports the Port of Kennewick's plans for Clover Island. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Audie Huber, Intergovernmental Affairs Manager, Department of Natural Resources, at 541-966-2334.

Sincerely,

Antone Minthorn, Chairman  
Board of Trustees

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