

NORTH PORTLAND CITIZENS COMMITTEE

P March 24, 1999

C Whereas, the North Portland Citizens Committee (NPCC) agrees completely with the Friends of
C Smith and Bybee Lakes' (FSBL) support of uses that would be compatible with the preservation
of fish and wildlife habitat in the Smith and Bybee Lakes system; and

Whereas, the NPCC completely agrees with the FSBL's support of recreational activities that
would be passive in nature; and

Whereas, the NPCC completely agrees with the FSBL's support of the permanent protection of
Smith and Bybee Lakes as a natural area in recognition that natural resources in an urban
environment contribute significantly to the quality of life; and

Whereas, the NPCC has learned that a 150-foot buffer on the Leadbetter Peninsula has no
scientific basis, and

Whereas, according to the best available science, many of the sensitive species at Bybee Lake
require much larger buffers; and

Whereas, the NPCC wants a buffer that is based on sound science; and

Whereas, the NPCC knows of many other available and more suitable, undeveloped, industrial
sites for a jail;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The North Portland Citizens Committee hereby

1. Opposes any jail or drug & alcohol rehabilitation facility on the Leadbetter Peninsula; and
2. Completely supports the new position adopted by FSBL on March 22 to oppose these
facilities on the Leadbetter Peninsula;

Furthermore, in the event that Multnomah County nevertheless decides to disregard the best
interests of the Bybee Lake wildlife habitat and proceeds to construct a facility on the Leadbetter
Peninsula, then the NPCC hereby:

3. Requests the County to delay groundbreaking until the Painted Turtle study has finished and
been evaluated; and
4. Requests a buffer of a least 1,600 feet from the top of the bank to the outer edge of the
development on all sides; and
5. Requests that no canoe launch be constructed on the Leadbetter Peninsula.

Sincerely,



Lewis Marcus, President

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This letter is a notice of intent to file the following petitions by North Portland Citizens Committee on behalf of the wildlife at Smith and Bybee Lakes:

1. Petition the US Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate Smith and Bybee Lakes, including the Leadbetter Peninsula, as a critical habitat for the bald eagle.
2. Petition the US Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate Smith and Bybee Lakes, including the Leadbetter Peninsula, as a critical habitat for the peregrine falcon.
3. Petition the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct an emergency rulemaking to list the western painted turtle as threatened.
4. Petition the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate Smith and Bybee Lakes, including the Leadbetter Peninsula, as a critical habitat for the western painted turtle.
5. Petition the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to designate Smith and Bybee Lakes, including the Leadbetter Peninsula, as a critical habitat for the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, little willow flycatcher, yellow warbler, great blue heron, juvenile chinook salmon, and/or bufflehead duck.
6. Petition the Oregon Attorney General to prosecute the Port of Portland for filling Bybee Lake in clear violation of Oregon Statute 196.820, and to restore and preserve Bybee Lake and the Leadbetter Peninsula.

Sincerely,



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Be it resolved by unanimous consent on February 4, 1999, that the North Portland Citizens Committee hereby:

1. Requests Metro to purchase 75 acres of the Leadbetter Peninsula from the Port of Portland, and to preserve it as a wildlife habitat, free from development and roads, and blocked to all vehicular traffic.
2. Requests Metro to immediately enter into negotiations with the Port of Portland to purchase this land.
3. Requests Metro to consider various purchase arrangements to facilitate the purchase of this land. Such arrangements might include, but not be limited to, leasing the land with an option to buy.
4. Requests the Port of Portland to willingly sell this property to Metro.
5. Requests that Metro use the Smith and Bybee Lakes Trust Fund to finance most, if not all of this purchase. Other funds might include the Metro Enhancement Fund (St. Johns Landfill).
6. Requests Metro to work collaboratively with other organizations to raise the necessary funds to purchase this property. Other organizations will include, but not be limited to, the Port of Portland, Multnomah County, the City of Portland, and environmental groups.

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On February 4, the North Portland Citizens Committee adopted by unanimous consent the following resolution to be submitted to Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee: EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Be it resolved that the North Portland Citizens Committee hereby:

1. Requests Metro's Smith and Bybee Lakes Management Committee to rescind its recommendation of a 150-foot buffer for the proposed county jail on the Leadbetter Peninsula. The best available science indicates that 150 feet is inadequate to protect the wildlife at Bybee Lake. Furthermore, there was no significant community involvement by the Committee in arriving at this recommended 150-foot buffer.
2. Requests the Committee to adopt the position that no development should occur on the Leadbetter Peninsula because it's impossible to provide an effective buffer.
3. Requests the Committee to rearrange itself so that the majority of its members are drawn from the local community. Currently, the Committee is heavily comprised of government employees (city, Port, state, and metro). At least six citizens should be drawn from the neighborhoods of St. Johns, Hayden Island, Linnton, and Portsmouth, and from the North Portland Citizens Committee. At least two members should be from the St. Johns Neighborhood Association.
4. Requests that no canoe launch be built on the Leadbetter Peninsula, in accordance with the Management Plan's goal to keep Bybee Lake less accessible than Smith Lake and to have Bybee Lake's primary use be as an environmental preserve.
5. Requests the Committee to adopt these positions at its next meeting (March 30).

Thank you for your consideration and attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



Lewis Marcus, President