Dear Planning Commission,

I am not a Yachats resident, but I am very involved in Yachats affairs. I chair the Yachats Parks and Commons Commission and am the Code Enforcement Officer for the City.

Your actions regarding riparian protection are very critical. Much of our riparian zones have already been degraded by over-building, rip- rap and other human activity, with no regard to the natural habitat and the species that rely on them.

I am a hard-core fisherman and love the sport. I hardly fish the Yachats River anymore, just to protect the wild runs we still have.

Yachats will make a strong stand in not allowing any exceptions to riparian regulations. It is a small start, but it is a beginning.

All of our small streams that led into the ocean used to have andronomous fish, if it was passable. What a credit to the Yachats Planning Commission, if they looked this far into the future and re- established these runs.

Keep a tight line and I will respect your decision.

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