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Council Members and Planning Commissioners,

The Admonition to “Go Big or Go Home” from the Governor's SRKW Task Force is advice worth taking. Nibbling around the edges of the problems and adopting local regulations with minimum compliance with state regulations only ensures failure.

Tahlequah (J35) and Scarlet (J50) are communicating as clearly as they can that they, and their pod, are in grave danger and nothing short of a bold all out effort, will meet their need for more food and a quieter environment. On behalf of all SRKW they are asking us to do something to help.

Business plans will need to change, regulations need to be crafted or changed, enforcement needs to be robust, and science needs to inform our actions.

Each of you must ask yourself : **What can I do to help San Juan County** materially contribute to the restoration of Chinook salmon stocks equal to the needs of our Southern Resident Orca.

My suggestions are several:

1. Vigorously protect our already geographically small documented forage fish spawning habitat, including eel-grass meadows, kelp beds, and spawning beaches.
2. Consider limiting the number and duration of whale watching businesses that can be on the water in the presence of SRKW.
3. Significantly expand No Go Zones for all vessels in known SRKW feeding areas.
4. Educate boaters that the 50 kHz depth sounder frequency falls within the hearing range of the SRKW (their greatest sensitive is between 18 – 42 kHz). Urge boaters to use the 200 kHz depth sounding frequency and only when essential for safe navigation.

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