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**From:** Lynda Guernsey  
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 12:38 PM  
**To:** Linda Ann Kuller  
**Cc:** Erika Shook  
**Subject:** FW: Please add to permanent record regarding:SMP amendments and hearing

Hi,

Please see the SMP comment below.

Regards,  
Lynda

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**From:** sadie b <salim3796@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 9:26 AM  
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**Subject:** Please add to permanent record regarding:SMP amendments and hearing

Councilors and Planning Commission members; Once again, the Growth Management Board has ordered San Juan County to comply with certain violations within our SMP. Although I feel that the order did too little to address valid concerns put forth by the Friends, Please abide by the Order. Some things, it can be argued, have invisible Laws still, apparently,

not understood by mankind until it's too late. We in the San Juans have the opportunity and responsibility to be examples to the rest of the world in showing how we take care of things (or don't.)

Much irreversible degradation has been done to our watersheds and both tidal and inland wetlands. One of the most mistaken and wholly damaging ideas is that impacts to a wetland watershed can be "mitigated" in another watershed. It can't. Please reverse this destructive practice, and require mitigation to be done in the same watershed as the damage done. Arbitrary ideas, such as "site-specific" wetland evaluation have done irreparable damage to our watersheds. Please stop this practice and study watershed maps of the continents to get a clue of how interconnected they all are to the health of the land.

Please do the carrying capacity and buildout numbers we've been asking for, for over 30 years. With that information, we can turn around the runaway growth that stands to destroy our islands' ecosystems and support our shoreline functions as they are meant to be. Please thoroughly comply with the required changes to all criteria for any new or expanded softshore armoring, and comply with the definition of softshore armoring.

Please follow the Board's Order to require an annual evaluation of cumulative impacts of shoreline development, and immediately implement a process to make corrections as they are needed; especially as they pertain to No Net Loss of any ecological functions that support forage fish, chinook salmon, and our dwindling population of Southern Resident Killer Whales, but not excluding any other habitat diversity as well.

As well, although it is not "ordered" by the GMB, please consider addressing vessel impact to our Resident Orcas, including whale-watch

vessel impact and how noise affects whale sonar navigation and communication. Chasing, harassing, and surrounding orcas with boats affects the starving population of our endangered and dwindling population of Southern Resident Orcas. These considerations should be part of our "local" responsibilities and concerns in our SMP, and we have the opportunity, at the urging of the Growth Board Order, to fix violations to RCWs, and more, to be an example of a county that takes care of its shorelines and waters in a responsible and responsive manner.

We have the most shoreline of any county in the State. I believe that development of every shoreline parcel (every inland parcel) should not take precedent over protection of our rSouthern Resident Orcas and rebuilding habitat so that they can continue to be a part of what makes these islands such a treasure to people all over the world.

Please do your due diligence on these issues, and let's get our priorities in line with supporting the life and abundance we value, that allows us all our comfortable lifestyles here, when so many other places are on fire and flooding. Let us search our hearts and do all we can to stand with and protect the lands and waters we love and the rich and abundant ecosystems that support us in so many ways other than merely economic.

Respectfully yours,  
B. Sadie Bailey

PS - Currently, the County is not enforcing anything but sign, noise, and peddler ordinances - which seems absurd to any rational person, when one considers the long-term irreversible damage being done to our watersheds, forests, palustrine wetlands, and our resident orcas and wildlife that depend on these ecosystems' health. We humans are a part

of the "wildlife" that depends on ecological health, whether we realize it or not.

Please consider hiring code enforcement officers for each island to address violators - especially repeat violators - with a system of graduated fines. These fines should not be mere "hand slaps" of up to a one-time \$1,000 fine, especially to repeat violators. That is less than the cost of a permit, and it just encourages people to violate, "Wild West" style because what the heck - they can afford the fine which doesn't hurt their purse strings at all. The fines should be cumulative, until the impacts are fixed, and continued monitoring of the "fix" should be a required condition - not just for a year but until the County is sure that the "fix" has worked and will continue to work.

The County has finally started heading in the right direction with the idea of fining landowners and developers for irreversible damage to ecosystems. But really - to fine a "peddler" selling roadside flowers or wares \$250 for the first offense, and fine a violator to the lands and shorelines no more than a one-time fine of up to \$1000 - is a blatant insult to any kind of fairness in evaluating the "crime."

Please stop entertaining the damaging notion that finite ecosystems can continue to support runaway free-market growth, and start being the stewards we have been asking you and former Council members to be for so many decades.

Thank you for your consideration.