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From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Linda Ann Kuller
Cc: Erika Shook
Subject: FW: SMP review & update

Hi,

Please see the SMP comment below.

Regards,
Lynda

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From: Susan Bauer <earthtosue@gmail.com>
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Subject: SMP review & update

Dear Commissioners & Council Members;

I sat in on today's joint meeting. Thank you all so very much for your service to our community

Unless we make Salish Sea health our ****top**** priority, replacing human development desires, county tax revenue & even human livelihood considerations (whale watch operations via boat instead of ****by land****, sprawling island marinas), we will not be able to save our forage fish, our orca whales or even the Sea itself.

I think I heard Ms Shooks' (SJC Development Dept) testimony today regarding our limited ability to perform frequent & meaningful cumulative analyses of shoreline health because of a 5-year permit period for building shoreline structures, etc). This is an example, I believe, of official fecklessness. Why not shorten permits to 1 year? Why don't we put health of Salish Sea & the rest of our county's natural resources at top and let regs flow down from there?

Why are we trying to reverse-engineer our direly-needed ecological stewardship practices against outdated practices. There must be other SJC regulations in place that need altering immediately because they make any meaningful impact that we might make today emasculated from the start, if not impossible). It seems insane to claim we are hamstrung by old templates in trying to restore damage created by those same templates.

Potential lawsuits? Loss of future tax county revenue? These are examples of the fears that may have paralyzed us into feeling as if we have no choice but to kill our Salish Sea which in turn destroys our islands &, eventually, ourselves.

In line for coffee while ferrying to today's meeting I heard both German & French. The ****entire planet**** really is watching to see what you will do to:

- severely limit human impact to the Salish Sea and its inhabitants; and

- then perhaps to create a template for shoreline and, especially, island communities to follow.

You must be brave, daring & stay focused on a science-based plan for recovery. The world really is watching little San Juan County.

Respectfully,

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