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*I am a resident of San Juan Island, and I care about the future of our county. We are a group of islands, and therefore have limited capacity for growth. Our resources are limited, and our county can't sustain our current quality of life if our population grows to more than a certain number. What is that number? We don't know, as the county has not prepared a build-out analysis (BOA to study the effect of population growth on our resources and quality of life.*

*Joe Symons has submitted a docket request that asks the county to do this study. In order to plan intelligently for the future and maintain the wondrous place that is our county, please approve his request and set the county staff in motion. The BOA would include an impact analysis focused on themes from the official Vision Statement including the environment, transportation, housing, sense of community cohesiveness and the fiscal implications of new development on government services. While water is one of the most important elements, I understand there is an excellent chance that the state and USGS will be taking care of doing a water inventory.*

It is very necessary to analyze the carrying capacity of the islands. There are already wells going dry, septic tank issues, and OPALCO forecasts shortages in electricity in the near future as the infrastructure becomes more green (which is vitally important to mitigate climate change). I urge you support for a real study of the future of the islands. Thank you.