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Date: 8/16/2021
From: John Clancy of Orcas Island
To: San Juan County Planning Commission and San Juan County Council

Re: Establishment of fixed permanent caps on the total number of Vacation Rental Permits

I write to support the letter [located at <http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugletter.pdf>] sent to you on 11 August 2021 from David Turnoy and others regarding the establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits [VRPs] in San Juan County [SJC].

I can imagine the pressures placed upon you at this time. I know it is sometimes very challenging to present what you think is best for the islands in the face of such pressure. I do hope that you truly and deeply consider the carrying capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment and transportation safety in regards to the VR cap. I do hope that you have a deep feeling that these islands aren't just inert clumps waiting for us to do as we will with them. I believe that what we do to these islands, we do to ourselves, and that if we allow a VR cap structure that stresses the carrying capacity of these islands, we are stressing ourselves, and that if we push the ecological integrity of these islands' to the limit we are pushing ourselves to the limit. And to me, that would not be honoring the gift that living on these islands is.

Please pay great attention to setting appropriate caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that these caps are permanent and that they are re-evaluated every few years to ensure that they are sufficiently restrictive to prevent the challenges that we have been facing for the past several years. Such re-evaluation should be done with the intention of lowering caps as needed to minimize if not eliminate the negative impact of over-tourism.

Thank you.

John Clancy of Orcas