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To: Vacation Rental Comments
Subject: FW: Transient Rental Caps

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From: David Mahan San Juan 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 [h:\[p://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugle:er.pdf\]\(http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugle:er.pdf\)](http://doebay.net/VR/PCCCaugle:er.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 have lived on San Juan island for 27 years. I moved here to enjoy the quiet, tranquil, rural, and community-minded nature of the island. I am distressed to see the huge increase in numbers of visitors, (whose presence is so well-promoted by our Tourist Board). I am concerned about the capacity of the islands to provide sufficient water, waste water treatment,

transportation safety, and as well, about negative impacts created by transient populations on noise levels, roads and other infrastructure. I am particularly concerned about the loss of community in my neighborhood and in activity areas such as the Saturday Farmers' market at the Brickworks on San Juan. Please pay great attention to setting appropriate caps that reduce the current negative impact of VRPs. Ensure that the data used to calculate caps is the most current and most accurate available; caps should be set no greater than the currently existing active and compliant VRPs for each major island. Also please 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.

Sincerely

David Mahan, DDS