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Hi Sophia; Sorry I can't attend today's hearing.

I hope this comment letter will be considered - better yet, I hope it will be read at the council meeting by a council member or Ingrid, who I copied. Thanks much. Hope you all are well over there.

B. Sadie Bailey

Dear County Council;

9/15/21

Thank you for taking comment on the 2021 Docket.

These 3 things need to be prioritized for the 2021 Docket and completed ASAP, as all are inter-related and dependent on each other:

**1) 21-0005 Tree Protection Regulations - agree with PC recommendation.** Should be top priority in UGAs. Regulations need to include when logging can and can't be done. Much logging around Eastsound happens in the midst of migratory songbird nesting and breeding season, which violates the 1918 MBTA. UGAs should have the strictest laws to protect what little forest habitats remain.

**2) 21-0008 - Create New Stormwater Management Regulations - agree with PC recommendation.** Again, priority should be concentrated *first* in UGAs where our salt water nearshore habitat gets the brunt of our stormwater pollution. All of our UGAs have shorelines on at least one side. Eastsound UGA gets hit from both sides of the one-mile wide land mass that is also a wetland watershed and source of our drinking water.

**3) 21-2003 - full buildout analysis - Disagree with PC recommendations.** We have asked for this for 30+ years, and it keeps getting kicked down the road. Many permits granted in UGAs violate the GMA guidelines for the purpose of UGAs - which are to house minimum of 54% of our year round population. Given the glut of speculative development and VR's impacting UGAs, it's appalling that no thought has been given to protecting the wetland forested watershed in Eastsound UGA, its ecosystems, where to put industrial sprawl, and the like. Now, our UGA lands are now "prime" real estate sold to the highest bidder to make future VR's, luxury condos, and the like, while pushing workers off the island.

Lastly;

**21-0001 - Commercial Composting on Ag resource Lands - disagree with PC recommendation.** It makes much more sense to incentivize small-scale commercial operations at more suitable sites - at ORS, for example. Don't allow Big Industry to move in under some shell LLC. Remember the competitors to ORS for running the dump/Exchange? Turns out, they were affiliated with a global mining conglomerate that gobbles up small and mid size garbage and recycling facilities.

It's a bad idea to tempt fate.

Thanks for listening.

B. Sadie Bailey