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Dear County Commissioners,

At your meeting tomorrow, I urge the Council members to add Docket #21-0003 to the work plan for the Department of Community Development and Planning.

In order to have a credible Comprehensive Plan, it is essential that the County have a reasonable estimate of the potential buildout of these limited islands. At present we do not. The only number I have seen floated — 134,000 properties — can only be considered laughable in light of current realities, most notably the limited ferry service (which I'm told by knowledgeable experts) is not going to improve for at least a decade, if ever. The real number is closer to 34,000, including summer visitors, as we learned this past year.

And according to a comment in the Orcasonian by Elisabeth Britt, the County is REQUIRED by RCW 36.70A.070 to "take ferry capacity into consideration when planning for future growth of each island." Just imagine what would happen on Waldron Island if ferry capacity to that island (equals ZERO) were not taken into account in its growth projections. A similar consideration must apply to the County as a whole.

Please do the responsible thing and include Docket #21-0003 on the DCD's work plan.

Respectfully, Michael Riordan  
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