

Ron Buckholt

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Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Ron Buckholt
Cc: Kristin Hearn
Subject: Project no. 2022103702

Dear Mr. Buckholt

I have a specific concern about proposed Project No. 2022103702, the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit for shellfish cultivation. I live directly in the impacted area, at 9529 Johnson Point Loop, NE, Olympia, WA 98516. My home is located very close to a steep embankment, and there has been a great deal of erosion in the past 2 years. I am concerned about structural damage to my home as a result of this erosion. To try to prevent this damage, I have explored the possibility of having a bulkhead built. I have been in contact with Bay Marine, Coastal Solutions, and Quigg Brothers Marine Division, to explore this possibility. All of them provided me with the same information. The obstacles to obtaining permits to build a bulkhead make it highly unlikely that a permit would be approved at present because my home is not in imminent danger. They also indicated the only way to build this bulkhead would be to bring materials in by boat, at low tide.

While my home is not in imminent danger, it is easy to imagine that it will be in the relatively near future. As it is, the expense associated with building a bulkhead on my property would be substantial, and the obstacles to getting a permit will be significant. I expect that having a commercial shellfish operation directly behind my property would further complicate my situation, logistically and economically. When it is time to build a bulkhead, Taylor farms would likely impede the approval process, as bringing materials in by boat at low tide would likely cause significant damage to their operation. Consequently, approval of this commercial operation, directly behind my property is likely to generate another major obstacle that will prevent me from doing what needs to be done to prevent damage due to the inevitable erosion that will occur over the next few years.

I strongly urge you to disapprove this project, or include some type of stipulation that allows me to build a bulkhead without their approval, or need for compensation, should damage occur during the process of building the bulkhead.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Papasian