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**Comments Regarding Notification Application for Project No 2022103702 (Taylor Shellfish)**

**We Paid for it.** For years Henderson Inlet waterfront homeowners have been subjected to a special taxation which has allowed the county to surveil and tightly monitor home septic systems, all with the stated purpose to improve Henderson water quality. Early on, DOH even employed county sheriffs to accompany its septic inspections to insure homeowner compliance. Inspection results required a countless number of homeowners to replace septic systems at great owner cost (\$30K+ in our case). Little did we know this was nothing more than a ruse to clear the way for Taylor shellfish to move shellfish farming equipment and operations into the water adjacent to our properties. This will limit our ability to use and enjoy our beaches. Use of and water access to our properties by boats will be halted at low tide due to equipment installation.

Additionally, it appears that we, as homeowners, have just footed the bill to develop the conditions and property that Taylor plans to use for its profit. Even worse, the county appears to have been complicit to making this happen by the previously mentioned taxation and by demanding septic replacements inexplicably applying Uniform Pool & Spa Standards to open and natural salt water. Taylor, in turn, intends to both profit financially and to limit the use of our property with no apparent regulation and no compensation for targeted homeowners.

**Taylor's Problem History.** Recall Taylor's past behavior: its "accidental" error of growing geoducks on prime private off-lease Eld inlet tide-flats. This was allowed to proceed for nearly ten years and Taylor was allowed to harvest the mature product for a gross revenue of over \$1 Million. Taylor Shellfish has run a long media campaign representing itself at the "Steward of the Sound", which the county bought into. Given past behavior, we would not be surprised to find Taylor operating outside of the parameters of the Application while the county looks the other way.

**Project's Impact on Shoreline Owners.** The Notice of Application contains no mention of how homeowners' properties will be impacted. Are we looking at 10 years of not being able to access our properties from the water? You have admitted to not yet having a working grasp of the known relevant ordinances, so what happens if/when there is property damage or conflict with the Taylor operations? Who manages conflict resolutions? The county seems to have disregarded homeowner interests/rights in favor of Taylor Shellfish. When we bought our property we did not plan on a seafood manufacturing plant next door.

**Important unaddressed questions without answers.** The vicinity map project boundary line appears to include shoreline owner intertidal seabed. This Application map must be re-issued with boundary lines to avoid illegal trespass. Given that the county is managing ownership features of the seabed, does it not have to comply with Johnson Point Shoreline zoning? Would this business not violate our zoning? Who owns & who manages the seabed adjacent to our deeded Mean Low Tide seabed?

**Conclusion: Do Not Grant Taylor Shellfish's Application.** We don't want a seafood manufacturing plant next door. If the county is so pushing to increase seafood manufacturing, let them place the farms of county owned properties: Priest Point, Burfoot, and Tolmie Parks etc.