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**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2023 2:03 PM

**To:** Scott McCormick <scott.mccormick@co.thurston.wa.us>

**Subject:** Application Project #2022103702

Dear Thurston County Community Planning and Economic Development/ Associate Planner/ Scott McCormick,

Please confirm that my citizen comments regarding beach access, below, have been received by today, September 22, 2023, by the 4 p.m. deadline.

I am Tonni Johnston, and I strongly oppose project 2022103702.

One of the reasons I oppose it is the lack of beach access the project affords. As a homeowner just south of the proposed project, I LOVE exploring the very stretch of soft beach in question at low tide, either while walking, swimming, kayaking, or sailing my catamaran. It is the only non-rocky beach I know of in the vicinity.

What I dislike nearby are the impediments to using the shore at low tide that exist to the north of me seven properties and to the south of me five properties. Oyster aquaculture farms exist here that need to be marked better. I've come upon them accidentally in my catamaran, which resulted in damage to the hull. Thankfully, I have some experience with fiberglass repair. These farms are small, though, only 100 feet in length along the beach, and can be somewhat easily avoided.

The proposed project, however, is over 700 feet long, which completely prevents me from enjoying going on and off the shore during the summer's low tides, which is one of the most fun activities I do throughout the season. I also love beaching there at night during the winter to observe the phosphorescence. There is nowhere else along the shores nearby where I can do this because the other shores are too rocky for my feet, kayak, and/or catamaran.

The shores of Puget Sound are for the enjoyment of all. Not just the deep water, not just the high beach, and not only when the tide is high. Please solidly protect this precious and valued access by denying project 2022103702.

Sincerely,

Tonni Johnson

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