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Project no. : 2022103702

1. Last summer there was a fire on the waterfront bank at the Zolman's, 9703 Johnson Point Loop NE. This home is just North of project 2022103702. The geoducks and oysters present a serious problem to all of the homes proposed by Taylor as to beach access. South Bay Fire Dept. was called, 911, to put out a fire accidentally caused by the Zolmans. The Fire Dept. hooked hoses to the local hydrants along Johnson Point Lp. Rd. and made their way to the beach to put out the fire. Bret McBride, Asst. Fire Chief, South Bay Fire Dept., was in charge. With geoduck tubes or oyster bags installed along on the beach, dragging the hoses would be difficult, if at all possible. Time was of the essence. The water from the hoses slowed the fire down some. This gave a fire boat from Tacoma time to arrive. The fire was put out by applying ocean water from the beach upward. The upward direction of water followed the draft the fire caused. Unencumbered beach access is required. All the properties to be permitted are subjecting peoples lives and houses to be lost. No geoduck or oyster farm is worth this risk.
2. Taylor is known for not installing growing gear for oysters and geoducks in a manor that will not interfere with the properties along the shoreline. They say they will monitor themselves to do the growing beds according to industry standards. They made up the standards 15 to 20 years ago which do not consider the upland properties rights. The standards need to be rewritten with a monitor system considering all properties being affected by the geoduck and oyster beds. The monitors should be chosen by the affected property owners and the issuer of the permit. Taylor must agrees to pay the cost of the monitoring of the growing process by an independent monitor.
3. The permit, if issued, shall be limited to six years and and extended to 12 years. The extension shall only be issued if Taylor has followed the above standards and the monitor agrees.
4. The oceans today are filled with a high degree of plastic waste. The USA is working toward minimizing this problem. It is caused, in part, by plastic in the saltwater degrading by exposure to the sun and then the ocean. There are many technical articles substantiating this plastic breakdown. Taylor over the last 15 plus years has not corrected their growing equipment to eliminate this problem. No plastic. There are other materials and Taylor should be required to adopt them prior to a permit. The Dept. of Ecology and the Army Corp of Engineers have both been negligent in requiring this specification. Puget Sound and Henderson Inlet are part of the Ocean. No plastic.

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