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Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development

2000 Lakeridge Drive SW

Olympia WA. 98502

RE: Project # 2022103702 **STONGLY OPPOSE**

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Mr. Buckholt:

I am writing this letter to voice my PROTEST and opposition of permitting for the above mentioned project for any geoduck or other large scale clam and oyster cultivation. This is a large-scale permit request, if approved, it would destroy and ruin our pristine beach tidelands.

This beach area is very fragile and has a sizeable eco system that would be eliminated if a geoduck operation was permitted.

I have planted oysters to a small hobby garden on this beach since 1987 35 years. I host a beach education program for youth and adults (often the youth bring their parents), which I have been hosting for about 20 years. This program is in conjunction with the Thurston Conservation District and South Sound Green Program. This program has hosted approximately 5 thousand middle and high school student field trips to educate them about oyster growing and the diverse eco systems, including water quality monitoring all on this Henderson Inlet beach area.

Given these facts and many other objections your office has received, I hope you can see the value in this highly successful educational oyster garden program which is a hands-on program involving marine biology, water quality and protection of our vital natural resources. Many community partners join these field trips to the beach including Puget Sound Estuarians, beach naturalists, and community volunteers.

My concern regarding the permitting of the above mentioned project, if approved, would totally eliminate my ability to host this fine, educational outreach program for youth and their parents. For that reason, I am asking that you deny this permit. My parcel numbers are: 56550200100 & 56550200200.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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