

Ron Buckholt

From: Bill & Sherry Reus <reusters@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Ron Buckholt
Cc: hallsmith9119@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: South Sound GREEN oyster garden and tidelands purchase (Parcel # 93000100000)

Hello Mr. Buckholt,

Please accept the letter below written by Ms. Bishop to the originator of the Permit Application on Project No. 2022103702 as expressing concerns about that project.

Please enter it among the other comments.

William Reus

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sherry Reus <reusters@comcast.net>
Date: December 2, 2022 at 4:38:58 PM PST
To: David Hall <halldavid197@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: South Sound GREEN oyster garden and tidelands purchase (Parcel # 93000100000)

Thanks for this. -Bill
 Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 2, 2022, at 2:28 PM, David Hall <halldavid197@gmail.com> wrote:

fyi

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From: Stephanie Bishop <SBishop@thurstoncd.com>
Date: Fri, Dec 2, 2022 at 2:04 PM
Subject: Fw: South Sound GREEN oyster garden and tidelands purchase (Parcel # 93000100000)
To: David Hall <halldavid197@gmail.com>

Here's the email I sent to Erin Ewald and Marcelle Taylor

Stephanie Bishop (she/her)

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From: Stephanie Bishop

Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 2:03 PM

To: erine@taylorshellfish.com

Cc: marcelle@taylorshellfish.com

Subject: South Sound GREEN oyster garden and tidelands purchase (Parcel # 93000100000)

Good afternoon-

I think I have met or at least emailed both of you about our water quality monitoring program and/or the oyster garden that our program (South Sound GREEN, a program of Thurston Conservation District) has maintained for over 15 years. It is located just off of Johnson Point Loop on the west side of the peninsula, and through the years we have had thousands of elementary, middle and high school students visit these tidelands to learn about water quality, hear from shellfish growers (years ago it was Jennifer Whipple who visited, then Derek King when he was running the Henderson Community Shellfish Farm, and more recently Tom Bloomfield from Seattle Shellfish), and try their own hand and tending a small oyster garden. Other community partners join us on these trips, including Pacific Shellfish Institute, the Puget Sound Estuarium's Beach Naturalists, and community volunteers.

I hope you can see the value in this educational oyster garden. There are so many ways hands-on experience impacts students, including that they:

- Learn about careers in aquaculture, marine biology and water quality
- Discover world class oysters that are growing in their own backyards

- Become empowered to take action to protect natural resources

One of the residents of Johnson Point Loop called me today and said that Taylor applied for a geoduck permit for Parcel #93000100000. Is that the case? If so, **should I be concerned about the impact this land use change might have on our oyster garden and the use of the beach for educational purposes?**

Over the years Taylor has been very supportive of education, donating staff time, oyster seed, and grow bags to this effort. We hope to maintain this partnership long into the future.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bishop

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