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Greetings Commissioners, thank you for your time and work on the County SMP review.

I want to reemphasize the need for language in this SMP that reflects the will of the County to design and regulate permissible shoreline impacts. The language in this plan may guide practices for many years. It is my understanding that if specific language is not in the SMP, the Shorelines Hearings Boards have no jurisdiction over the permit process. So your words count!

I urge you to protect and maintain buffers, especially salt water shorelines threatened by sea level rise.

You should consider "Net Ecological Gain" over "No Net Loss" if we are to further salmon recovery: Habitat loss and water quality degradation resulting from poorly regulated development has been documented to be a leading cause of the decline of the salmon populations the orcas rely on. This action has long been called for by Tribes, salmon recovery groups and a wide range of environmental partners. You can recommend this policy and permitting change!

Recommend phasing out the use of marine plastics polluting our waters and threatening sea life. Aquaculture should be able to substitute biodegradable materials for netting and tubes....hemp, bamboo, wooden tubes, stainless steel etc. I have attached pictures of the unsightly and dangerous plastic materials used in geoduck operations.

Insert language to restrict the use of hydraulic harvesting....how is it homeowners are required to have an hydraulic permit to work on stairs or bulkheads, but the aquaculture industry is allowed to "blow up" sensitive near shore environments?

Thank you for your service.

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