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Shoreline Master Program

June 27, 2012

County Permit Center/Administration Building

1800 Continental Place

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Re: Citizen comments on proposed/revised Shoreline Master Program

Dear Whomever:

The proposed/revised Shoreline Master Program/Code should accommodate existing historical shoreline use, maintenance, and development practices, per best science available and economics, in keeping with property rights: The Shoreline code should reflect Skagit County historical coastal geomorphic situation; *whether natural or man-made*, as opposed to a national or other political agenda.

The shoreline is subject to nature, and thereby not static: Some shorelines attrition/erode with upland losses, while other shorelines are relatively stable, and some shorelines build-up/increase upland area. Further, some shoreline is owned in fee by private property owners (individuals, and/or corporations), and some shoreline fee is held by public (federal, state, county, and/or city governments, or port districts, dike districts, etc), and all should be treated equally whether rural or urban.

Skagit County cannot predict what nature will, may, or may not do to our shoreline, but the Shoreline Master Program should accommodate whatever occurs in keeping with public health, public safety, and property rights considerations. Accordingly, it is thought that known shoreline geomorphic hazards need be identified and public policy should encourage abatement/prevention before public or private hazards occur, whenever practical. Example: Known/historical coastal recession occurs along east shoreline of Padilla Bay, undermining the toe of the hillside that supports Bay View-Edison Road (Section 35, Township 19, Range #3 East), and

public policy should encourage/accommodate preventative maintenance, as well as emergent repair, whether public or private ownership is involved.

One plans each day, towards some goal. Yet, each day one's plans are modified by the weather, a perchance event, a family matter, the activity of an unknown person, etc. Point: Planning involves goals, not necessarily explicit process. Accordingly, suggest Skagit County not implement/regulate the shoreline process to preclude effective shoreline prevention and maintenance by over-regulation, for a political agenda, and/or for bureaucratic reasons.

In other words: Don't "tinker" with the Shoreline Master Program, if "it ain't broken", unless some discernible public good is involved and occurs.

Roger Pederson, Citizen/shoreline property owner

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Thank you,

Jim Lippert

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