Western Washington, which includes construction stormwater best management practices, onsite management of stormwater, and source control best management practices.

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Subject: RE: Notice of Hearing; SWSD Special Use Permit & Critical Area Variance

Hello,

Thank you for the notices, and Andy's observation that stormwater management is addressed in conjunction with the building permit.

I submit the following for your information and review and welcome your feedback. I plan to speak at the Wednesday hearing.

Given Big Lake's designation as a Critical Area, and the proposed addition of new polluting stormwater from this site to Big Lake, a Critical Area, I submit that a **Critical Areas site assessment** is required. It is my understanding that such a site-assessment has not occurred. If it has, please forward ASAP.

I object to these approvals before the Critical Area site assessment, and before a **stormwater management system** is designed and subjected to review by the County staff and the public, to address the addition of stormwater runoff volume and pollutants due to the improvements and change of use, with the inevitable addition of a paved path and parking area.

Simply relying on a stormwater permit to be issued sometime in the future, without regard to the changes, is poor land planning.

I attach the report of Dr. Richard Horner, an uniquely qualified stormwater management expert. (credentials: pdf pages 28-60)

Dr. Horner documents the current degraded state of Big Lake and the potential impact on Big Lake and its aquatic environment of additional phosphorous, whether carried by sediment or otherwise

generated, plus the impact of various pollutants from residential uses on Big Lake. (pdf pages 5-9, 23-26)

He points out that one can reduce the impact on Big Lake of increased stormwater runoff through the use of Low Impact Development "Best Management Practices" as described in the Department of Ecology's 2024 Western Watershed Stormwater Manual. He highlights these both for the construction phase and thereafter.

At a minimum, any approval should require that on-site disturbance of soils should only occur in the dry season, and that the stormwater management plans, both for construction and on-going use, should require that all increase in stormwater is contained and treated on-site rather than allowed to drain to Big Lake and Nookachamps Creek.

Please see the Wetlands Report. It identifies high intensity habitat at the North end of Big Lake which can be adversely affected by more phosphorous carrying sediments or other pollutants. Please also see the figures in this report which identify the areas on-site that generate "excessive" runoff or "pollutants."

Regards,
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To Whom It May Concern:

You are identified as a party of record. See the attached **notice of hearing** concerning the Sedro Woolley School District's recent application for a Special Use Permit and Critical Area Variance. Thanks.

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