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**From:** Don Bennett [mailto:[chron2@comcast.net](mailto:chron2@comcast.net)]  
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COBI Council Members,

Where was the COBI years ago when the shoreline residents along Rich Passage were told to first trust the State Of Washington Ferry system, and currently Kitsap Transit, as passenger only fast ferries were purchased with tax payer dollars and ran regular schedules through Rich Passage? Those of us who attempted to be heard about the environmental damage being caused were told we were over reacting and others really knew what was best for us.

Quickly the extensive kelp beds along both shores of Rich Passage disappeared, and there is no longer any evidence they ever existed. This was an environment that both fish and prey had enjoyed for decades. Shorelines were severely eroded in several locations. Where were the people who wanted to save the salmon then? Shoreline homeowners were left with no other choice but to form a class action law suit. Our family was not looking for financial reimbursement for property damage, but rather asking that the WA State Ferry system and now Kitsap Transit look at applicable scientific data and acknowledge the damage that these fast ferries create.

In an attempt to make a difference, citizens have little recourse but to speak up to persons in power. We are not without the capability to see & understand the applicable science, then politely ask for what seems appropriate. So it now continues with the COBI taking a position on the SMP which does not fit the overall needs of this community.

Please have the courage to rethink all of the issues before your final vote on BI SMP update.

Sincerely,

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