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Comments on May 8 Final Draft BI SMP

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References: 1) My Memo to City Council "Missing Deliberations for Point Monroe" 15 January 2013
2) My Email to City Council dated 6 May 2013 referencing "Impacts to Climate Change on the Coasts of Washington State," Huppert, Moore and Dyson (2009)

Dear Members of the City Council:

The time has come, the citizens said, to talk of many things, with the most important of them to be for the Council to send the Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology.

A little history: I served on the citizen Shoreline Work Group over 20 years ago. The new City of Winslow (as it was then called) asked us to draft the City's first Shoreline Master Plan, which the City and its citizens are in the final process of updating. I served on the citizen task force which began three years ago to develop the first draft of the SMP update. This diverse group of talented residents strived to balance property rights with environmental needs and laws. The Planning Commission, under the good guidance of their Chair, Mike Lewars, listened to public testimony and further modified the draft Plan. Now it is time for you – the Council – having patiently listened to public comment and made further changes, to finish. Although I feel that your recent changes have favored citizen requests for property rights, (I hardly heard the word environment uttered), you have that right to focus on those requests and exercised it. Finally the City's attorney has reviewed the draft and has given his go ahead. It is time to turn this over to Ecology.

There remain many **small corrections** to proper references, spelling errors, added definitions, and table alignment in section 4, all of which can be corrected without introducing any change in policy or regulations. The only addition which I recall had been approved and not included in the present draft was in 4.2.1.6.3 (2a) by which a nonconforming structure can be increased by 25%, but with no stated limit on the number of times this benefit can be used. I recall a stipulation was made that this could be exercised once and only once. Please check the records that this was approved.

Finally I will reiterate my **disappointment that policy and regulations for Point Monroe were given special treatment** after receiving the Planning Commission and citizen recommendations. The Council based this on a so-called environmental memo on Spit Science which stated that the effects of sea level rise and environmental concerns of on-site septic systems "were outside the scope of this report." No mention that the Kitsap Department of Health has designated the lagoon as "restricted." Nor that our Governor and President have expressed concern of effects of climate change. Or that Seattle is preparing for Climate Change, including an action to complete by 2015: "Evaluate the impacts of sea level rise on flood prone areas and shoreline development and habitat, and consider implications for land use management strategies." Bainbridge Island should be preparing for the next 20 years, not implementing a plan which documents behavior from the past 20 years.

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