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To: PCD; Council
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Dear Planners and Council,

I am a land-locked property owner who owns only a canoe, so in general, shoreline issues are not mine to consider.

However, I am alarmed and disheartened by the way the employees at city hall seem to be **directing** the update for the shoreline management regulations, rather than accepting direction from **shoreline property owners** and the **city council**, which, I believe, is supposed to be directing the city hall employees on behalf of the citizens of Bainbridge Island.

I believe it is unrealistic to our city to attempt to go well beyond state and federal laws regarding saltwater waterfront, and I believe that to deny the Island's development over the past 50 years as a **suburban place**, rather than a pristine island touched only by passing native American encampments, is absurd. Waterfront property owners have earned the right to enjoy their property, even as it extends by law into areas sometime covered by tides. They pay the very highest property taxes on our Island (one of the few sources of city income,) and they should be considered valued citizens, not some imaginary enemy that has somehow deemed to have led to any degradation of Puget Sound.

I strongly urge all concerned to recalibrate their planning to reflect the **current reality of local waterfront land ownership** and use on our Island, and to discontinue any and all efforts to return to the eighteenth century. All concerned may also wish to consider the possible costs of future litigation that will need to be paid by our economically-fragile city if the zealous and self-appointed environmental planners overstep legal bounds.

Please reconsider the draconian plans currently being presented concerning shoreline management, and put plans in place that will be inclusive of property owners and reasonable use of their land.

I appreciate your consideration.

Dee DuMont