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**From:** Alicetaw@aol.com  
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**To:** PCD  
**Subject:** Letter about shoreline designations and map- please forward to PC members

Dear, Planning Commission Members,

Think about the human face of the decision to create larger buffers, place more shoreline homes into conservancy status and make a lot more properties nonconforming.

People are very frightened right now because of the whole debt crisis, the precipitous fall of the stock market, the potential shakiness of Social Security and the looming possibility of a double dip recession. For a lot of people (like it or not) their waterfront home is their retirement savings plan, their pension and their security.

Why frighten people at this critical time by increasing the size of the buffer/setback/vegetation management zone, thereby creating a lot more nonconforming homes and scaring people that they may lose some value in their investment? If there was a proven causal relationship between a buffer larger than 50 feet and a significant improvement in environmental quality, I'd have to give up my position and admit that we should embrace that larger buffer. BUT, THERE IS NOT! There is speculation, there is possibly some evidence related to freshwater streams or lakes, but there is no established causal relationship between buffers at 75 feet improving the function of Puget Sound.

Do the right thing for your friends and neighbors. Recommend to the City Council that they leave the current buffer of 50 feet for single family residences in place and that all single family homes be designated Shoreline Residential.

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