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Recently a great deal has been written about Bainbridge Is' shorelines. Some of it by persons of the uplands and some by persons to establish and foster their own individual fiefdoms within the developing city planning and development departments.

Even some such as myself who was brought here by my wonderful and far seeing spouse in 1971.

The Rockaway Beach shoreline when we arrived had an almost solid Kelp bed off shore and an associated extensive bed of eel grass bed inside of the kelp. Our property had a rock sea wall which had been installed by the original owners who developed the property 4 years before. There were many sea run cutthroat trout and salmon as well as white and blue sea perch. Essentially that is all gone now.

The property along RWB is now fully developed and most properties have retained Cedars and Fir trees along the shorelines. We have developed our own sewer Lid to replace our previous FLUSHING MEADOWS, Hoping to improve the quality of the waters along our shorelines.

Somehow there has been an ongoing attempt by islanders to influence officials and hired employees to develop concepts which impose restrictions upon the rights and uses of waterfront property owners, such as the proposals to require planting native trees and shrubs along the waterfront, leaving only narrow corridors open for access to the water. Never mind the views.

The concept for that was to provide insects to drop out of the trees to provide food for young migrating fish.

Far better to have put the effort and \$ into working to reduce the highly destructive erosion caused by Wave wakes from high speed container ships and in some places like RWB the wake wash from WS Ferries, which are highly destructive to the marine vegetation and the composition of the beaches as well as the shorelines.

We need to change this and carefully for groups and committees who have a balance of interests and property represented. Doing this can and will result in more realistic regulations and reduce the likely hood of expensive litigation.

I for one welcome people who wish to walk along the waterfront of my home and enjoy sharing it with them.

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