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To: PCD
Subject: Please Implement Shoreline Conservation

Please consider and implement conservancy status for Bainbridge Island shorelines. I am a Bainbridge Island resident, I have completed doctoral studies in environmental policy, I have a knowledge of conservation biology, and I am a good neighbor. I regularly read the opposing views of those who oppose shoreline preservation, and while sympathetic to some of their issues, I believe they should stand down in favor of the greater community of which they profess to be a part, and of all living things as part of that. I had the historic opportunity to see, know, and comment upon the last native salmon of the famous Salmon River, as well as know of, observe, and comment upon the heroic efforts of the women and men of the Sawtooth Idaho fish hatchery to save that now extinct species, and in their spirit of commitment, I wish to preserve what is left and restore what is not of the Puget Sound ecosystem, within which we all seek to live our lives. As planners and policy makers, this is your world historic opportunity to take a stand in favor of what is now known as the Salish Sea. Gary Tripp may say naughty things about you, your bosses (if corrupt) may fire you, but in the ensuing decades, if you stay the course in the defense of the shorelines and such measures as CONSERVANCY to protect them, it will be YOU and YOUR COURAGE that future generations will celebrate on behalf of the non-human natural world who have no voice or vote, as well as the human community who will live more happily within the greater health of the ecosystem that sustains them.

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