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**To:** Vacation Rental Comments  
**Subject:** FW: Vacation Rental Permits

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To Lynda Guernsey and San Juan County Council Members,

I attended all of the Orcas meetings concerning vacation rentals. I heard how important they are to some of my neighbors for income that allows them to live here. I heard about vacation rental patrons that abuse the spaces and take advantage of the neighbors by ignoring rules of the owners and basic consideration of other people's property. I heard about overuse of resources—water and electricity.

We were told that many of the rental owners do not respond to the required documents about use. We heard that there are extremely few vacation rental rule and code enforcers for hundreds of permitted places.

If vacation rentals cannot be monitored for environmental and safety reasons and for quality-of-life concerns by those living full-time in the community, then establishment of caps on Vacation Rental Permits in San Juan County is, I believe, the responsible thing to do.

I appreciate your consideration of this important matter.

Beverly Leyman  
Full time resident on Orcas island