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James,

I am still here and active. This sort of thing is what motivates me and I did write. (letter attached). Thank you for taking the reins on this crucial issue. FYI, I was active in various environmental groups when the growth management plan was created. One Brian Derdowski spoke several times to one of my groups and he explained how he managed to use the politics of obfuscation to get the plan passed. I also remember reading several editorials in the Seattle Times on how certain groups tried to create 'loopholes' to circumvent the rule. Seems little has changed in the interim.

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Comprehensive Plan Text/SJC Code* Amendment Request

*San Juan County Code Titles 15, 16 & 18

Growth management was originally created to limit growth in rural areas and focus it on the urban settings. In the meantime, a lot of people have tried to find ways around the growth management plan and use it to encourage growth for select groups (mega-churches was one group). The original intent was to preserve the flora and fauna and leave some areas as natural as possible. It has become a sort of balancing act but, unfortunately, too many have found ways to use it to benefit themselves and the result is what we now have. It will not end until we start to put our foot down and stop the death of a thousand cuts.

As a permanent resident of San Juan Island County I have been experiencing the slow but inexorable decline of the livability of this special place in the country. When one fails to understand that an island has limits especially when the main way to access the islands are through private boat, plane or the state funded ferry system, which we all know is crashing, one fails to see the obvious. I simply cannot understand why some feel that our future lies in a man-made economic system rather than the natural system, upon which the economic system depends. More and more, it has become a burden living in this county which is turning into just another urban setting albeit with an extreme cost of living. We must do all we can to preserve the natural amenities, on which we humans are totally dependent, and stop this mindless growth. In the end that growth serves no one and in the end will be just another 'special' place destroyed by mindless, greedy self-serving people.

Please close all loopholes that serve only to add more people coming here to experience and exploit the beautiful nature and yet, at the same time, help to destroy said nature. What happened to the adage, "you have to be careful with an island?"

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