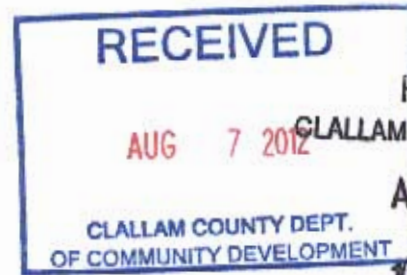


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RE: Shoreline Regulations in Dungeness Bay

Dear Commissioner McEntire,

We are writing to express our concern about the proposed shoreline regulations that will be coming up for adoption. As property owners along Dungeness Bay, we believe that the listed designation of that shoreline as "priority feeder bluff" is incorrect. Dungeness Bay (from Dungeness Spit and including Cline Spit and Graveyard Spit) is not a "high, sandy eroding area" and should not be in the same category as the shoreline to the west of Dungeness Spit which is high and sandy with significant erosion. Dungeness Bay shoreline is primarily vegetation and including it in the feeder bluff category does not seem justified by any scientific reasoning or study that has been put forth. The spit serves as a natural buffer to wind and wave action that shorelines to the west do not have. Simply put, we should be in a different category because of the shoreline configuration and the different set of circumstances affecting the shore.

As landowners we have an interest in the health and stewardship of the waterfront area, but the 150' set back that the feeder bluff designation requires instead of the 50' set back that the bay designation would require is significant. It will unnecessarily affect usage and property values without increasing the shoreline protections already in place.

We ask that you look critically at this issue, remove Dungeness Bay from an incorrect status, and keep property owners informed about any changes that will affect the usage of property in Dungeness Bay.

Sincerely,

Bill & Nancy O'Brien

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