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Comments: I have some concerns and comments about the contents of the Shoreline Master Program as presented in February 2015 at John Wayne Marina.

During the review of updates to date my attention was immediately drawn to several omissions. Although the plan calls for the preservation of cultural concerns, they all seemed to be directed toward "tribal" issues. There are cultural, recreational and historical issues at risk in the Dungeness Bay other than "tribal" ones. The early pioneers had a big stake in the bay and other than the school house and a very few old homes there is little left to pay tribute to this heritage, other than the mouths of the Dungeness and Meadowbrook waterways and the Dungeness Bay itself. It would be an enormous loss if the serene beauty of this reach of water were to be blighted by the visual pollution of industrial large scale shell fish practices.

There is a big project underway to reshape the saltwater estuary at the mouth of the two waterways. There are plans to build a new road (read earthen dam) across the estuary. As well as a new bridge to span Meadowbrook Creek. A few more months the dikes at the lower end of the Dungeness River will be lowered if not removed and Towne Road will be moved away from the river to allow for a huge flood plain.

All this adds up to a purposefully dramatic change in the water flow out into the bay. This is not a best guess. These changes have been carefully engineered to modify the water flow. This by it's very nature will affect the sand bars in the bay.

Taylor Seafood announced last Wednesday that they have over 80 acres of aquaculture farms in the Puget Sound area. All of it in farms that are ½ to 1 acre in size. They also claimed that they have no acreage in the Straight of Juan de Fuca, a dramatically more dynamic body of water in anybody's book. This is both unfamiliar waters and at 240 acres a completely different undertaking than anything they have done before. I would think that a ten year moratorium on large industrial scale aquaculture in Dungeness Bay would give everyone time to see what the changes in the watercourses will bring.

Please consider putting in stronger language to control and curb industrial scale shell fishing aquaculture in Dungeness Bay just a few hundred yards from the nationally coveted Dungeness Wildlife Refuge. In a very real way...it's like planting the quad in front of the Smithsonian in corn because it may be furtive.

When the state legislature changed the laws to encourage aquaculture...this is NOT what they had in mind.