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Clallam County Department of Community Development
Shoreline Master Program Update
223 East 4th Street, Suite 5
Port Angeles WA 98362

Subject: November 2014 Draft Shoreline Master Program

Section 5.1.4 Regulations - Conservation of Existing Vegetation

This section which applies to existing uses has some unintended and unnecessary consequences. Specifically, we owners of existing houses need to be able to maintain our existing views. The present wording ignores scrub and brush which must be periodically cut to prevent their growing into the field of view. It would also prevent changes to landscaping lawns and gardens.

Furthermore, the present wording penalizes a homeowner who wishes to use the one-time enlargement option by then imposing the buffer requirements for a new development.

The wording in the Shoreline Master Program should be changed to a simple, straightforward paragraph that clearly states the goal of maintaining existing views and that avoids unintended consequences.

I request that you replace the wording of Section 5.4.1 with the following:

“An existing lawfully established development may maintain presently existing vegetation conditions and views. Preferred techniques for limbing, thinning and pruning of large substantial trees (one foot diameter or more) are shown in Figure 5-1.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Chong".

Dennis Chong