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Sequim WA 98382
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Clallam County Department of Community Development
Re: Shoreline Master Program Update
223 East 4th Street, Suite 5
Port Angeles WA 98362

Re: November 2014 Draft Shoreline Master Program
Section 5.1.4 Regulations - Conservation of Existing Vegetation

This section of the SMP which applies to existing uses has some unintended and unnecessary consequences.

The owners of existing houses need to be able to maintain their existing views. The present wording ignores scrub and brush which must be periodically cut to prevent its growing into the field of view. Changes to landscaping, lawns and gardens would also be prevented.

Furthermore, the present wording in this section 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.

Please 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,



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