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Comments regarding the proposed dock in Little Manzanita Bay. PLN50280C SSDP & SVAR

I feel it is very important to reiterate that our little Manzanita bay is totally separate from big Manzanita Bay. The application submitted is attempting to argue that Little Manzanita Bay is part of the larger Manzanita bay, where there are deep water docks, so that permission will be granted for this dock application. Little Manzanita bay is very much a separate entity.

This application is requesting a variance from the shoreline management plan(SMP). I'm very concerned that if this application were granted, it would affect critical salt water habitat for the salmon run that travels up little manzanita bay to the head of the bay, Manzanita creek. Over the last few years, there has also been a recovery of herring that school in the area of Little Manzanita Bay that would be affected by this dock proposal. There are also large geoduck and razor clam beds. The applicants are also proposing to add two boat lifts, to the end of the dock, capable of handling two 50 footlong boats. In this shallow tidal bay, the prop wash from their current boats (approx. 30feet) is already causing harm by roiling the seabed. The concern is that even larger boats will cause further damage, ruining the seabed and underwater environment for shellfish, bottom-feeders and and fry.

I've lived on Little Manzanita bay since 1970. Historically, everyone on the little bay has had deep water buoys out in big Manzanita bay, using skiffs, canoes or kayaks to access their larger anchored boats. The applicants have buoys that they have used in the past and it seems the least impactful approach would be for the applicants to continue to use their buoys and their 80foot dock (if applicants want to replace 80foot dock with more eco friendly dock great! But please forego the gigantic boat lifts for shading reasons).

The proposed dock would dramatically change the appearance and use of this pristine little bay, affecting views from many locations, and property values. The proposed dock structure would fill the little bay with a huge industrial aesthetic that has no place or comparison in this small bay environment. The proposed dock would visually overwhelm the bay, affecting the view not just for local residents, but all the walkers, bicyclers, photographers, and tourists that visit via Manzanita Rd and 2 public road ends.

Approval of this permit would demonstrate preferential treatment for the two households requesting this substantial variance from the Shoreline Management Plan. The application contends that granting the dock for them would block any other homeowners on little Manzanita bay from building a dock. Again, it seems the best mitigation to reduce impact would be for the homeowners to use their buoys and existing 80foot dock. It seems that this application does not meet SMP variance criteria.

Once again, on behalf of myself and my wife, we oppose this dock application.
Thomas Brenton and Martha Earnest