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Subject: Wysong-Ziemba Dock Replacement - PLN50280C
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Mr. Greetham,

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the proposed Wysong-Ziemba pier/ramp/landing structure that would extend 240 feet into Little Manzanita Bay, destroying the pristine beauty of one of our island treasures.

I have lived in the Manzanita neighborhood since 1980, in a historic farmhouse that dates to 1914. Every time I round the bend from Bergman onto Manzanita Road, I draw a breath at the scene that opens before me – the Olympic Mountains against the western sky, the fish nibbling at sunset, the serenity of geese, ducks and otters placidly plying the quiet waters. At those moments I feel like the luckiest person on earth. Many people from outside the neighborhood share this experience as they head for home along this scenic stretch, or bicycle or walk up from the Dock Street public road end. In fact, as I rode the bus home from work one day, the Kitsap Transit driver slowed down and, with a wave of his arm, told two visitors on the bus, “This is the prettiest view on the whole island.”

The prospect of a 240-foot elevated structure knifing through the serene oasis of Little Manzanita Bay is unthinkable. I’m aghast that the proposal has made it this far through the process, especially since it was defeated once before. To despoil a sensitive and rare natural area enjoyed by the larger community to benefit two waterfront households would be an act of gross injustice. Other community members have noted additional issues of concern such as reduced property values and potential hazards navigating around the structure during low-light periods. I concur and would note that the ability to moor a boat at one’s doorstep at all tide levels is not a God-given right and certainly should not take priority over the needs of nature and community.

Finally, I’d like to point out that I only learned about this issue when a neighbor informed me about it. I didn’t receive a notice, as I live across from Dock Street and not on the waterfront per se; nonetheless, I am very personally affected by this matter. I urge the city to do more to inform the neighborhood about this proposal and extend the time for public comment.

Sincerely,

Cecelia Goodnow