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From: Council
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 9:33 AM
To: 'Robbie Howell'
Subject: RE: Letter regarding the Burien Shoreline Master Plan.

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

Lisa Clausen
City Manager's Office

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From: Robbie Howell [mailto:robbieh@windermere.com]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 1:12 AM
To: Council
Subject: Letter regarding the Burien Shoreline Master Plan.

Please include the attached letter in the Council's correspondence packet.

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To The Burien Planning Commission
The Burien City Council
Department of Ecology
Director of Fish and Wildlife
House Legislative Committee on Ecology and Parks:
Representative Dave Upthegrove
Sen. Joe McDermott

Re: Citizen Concerns Regarding The Burien Shoreline Master Plan Update Public
Comment Summary

The City of Burien is in the process of updating The Burien Shoreline Master Plan. They have an impressive list of scientific sources but unfortunately these sources do not show accurate information concerning Lake Burien. If you are going to be producing policy concerning Lake Burien the city needs to obtain information that is current and accurate.

As evidence of this lack of accurate data, we refer to the Shoreline Inventory (March 27, 2008) for the Burien SMP. Note that on page 11, in Table 4 "Documented Priority Habitats and Species within the City of Burien shoreline jurisdiction", Inventory Reach LB which states "None listed specifically for Lake Burien". (i.e. we did not find any published data about this area). Essentially they are saying, we don't know anything about this area so there must not be anything there. We have requested that the City of Burien document Lake Burien Priority Habitats and Species just like it has done for the other shorelines.

Additionally the city and Reid Middleton (the consultant) have claimed to use, "Lake Burien Shore Club on line inventories of fish, birds and wildlife." We do not find these inventories listed in the bibliography and as members of the LBSC we are unaware of any on line inventory of fish, birds and wildlife for Lake Burien. They also claim to have made several site visits to the lake but the findings are not noted in the Methodology of Scientific Method used.

In 2008 King County updated their Comprehensive Plan to refine the states definition to include native species listed as priority species by WDFW, bird species whose populations in King County are known to have declined significantly over the past 150 years, anadromous salmonids and aquatic species whose populations are particularly vulnerable to changes in water quality and quantity. King County policy makers realize more localized declines of species within King County may not be captured by state and federal listings. King County advises protection of native species of local importance. King County Comprehensive Plan 2008, Federal and State Listed and Candidate Species E-484 through E-498.

Lake Burien residents gave input to the city of Burien that ten of the native bird species listed as priority species by King County migrate to the lake for a time each year, making their habitat on Lake Burien. These include but are not limited to the Western Grebe,

Great Blue Heron, Hooded Merganser, Barrows Goldeneye, Common Goldeneye, Osprey, Band-tailed pigeon, Belted Kingfisher, Purple Finch and Hairy Woodpecker. Numerous other birds are commonly found visiting and living on Lake Burien. Here they find a source of clean quality and quantity water where they can feed, mate and clean themselves.

Lake Burien is also a major hunting ground for the Bald Eagles that are found in Seahurst at Eagle Landing. They can be seen flying back and forth between the lake and the park, especially in the summer. The lake is a source of Coots, other small birds and fish for them to survive on.

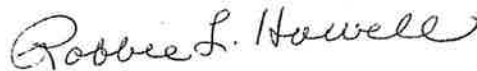
The lake has also acquired more Marsh birds since the Port of Seattle built the third runway right over the top of the wet lands they previously called home. Among these are the Ruddy Ducks. As has been said before, "They didn't know they were supposed to move to their mitigation area in Auburn."

Because of its Priority Habitats, its importance for the survival of the Bald Eagles, Blue Herons, migrating bird's, native turtles, fish and crustaceans we hereby request that a physical inventory of Lake Burien be conducted to establish a proper baseline for the SMP before any changes are contemplated. Please reverse the deliberate invalidation of the Lake Burien Inventory Reach and validate it by adding it to Table 4, page 11 of City of Burien Shoreline Master Program Update Shoreline Inventory.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert C. Howell



Robbie L. Howell

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

My name is Robbie Howell
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For those of you who don't know, I want to clarify the importance of Lake Burien for the fish and wild life in Burien. It is the hunting ground for Ospreys, Great Blue Herons and the Bald Eagles at Eagle Landing. It is a habitat for many migrating birds in the winter and home to ducks and geese all year around. It is also home to perch, sunfish and bass that are part of the food chain for their predators. The lake supports frogs, crayfish and several species of turtles, including the Western Painted Turtle.

In the city's Shoreline Master Plan the Lake Burien Inventory has not been validated by the city of Burien. How can Burien map this great habitat network if it closes its' eyes and says nothing lives in the lake?
SMP,Pol.CON 26.

I have permission to give a Computer CD to each one of you and Mr. Mike Martin. Stan Milkowski is the photographer. All rights belong to Stan and you must ask him for permission to publish or sell these photos of wildlife on Lake Burien.

I am also giving you copies of maps from the Washington Coastal Atlas that show the local lakes and parks that have fecal coliform bacteria contamination. The map shows there are 5 categories that range from 1-5, 5 being the worst. You will notice that Seahurst Park, Eagle Landing and Angle Lake are category 5. They all have public access. Lake Burien is a category 1.

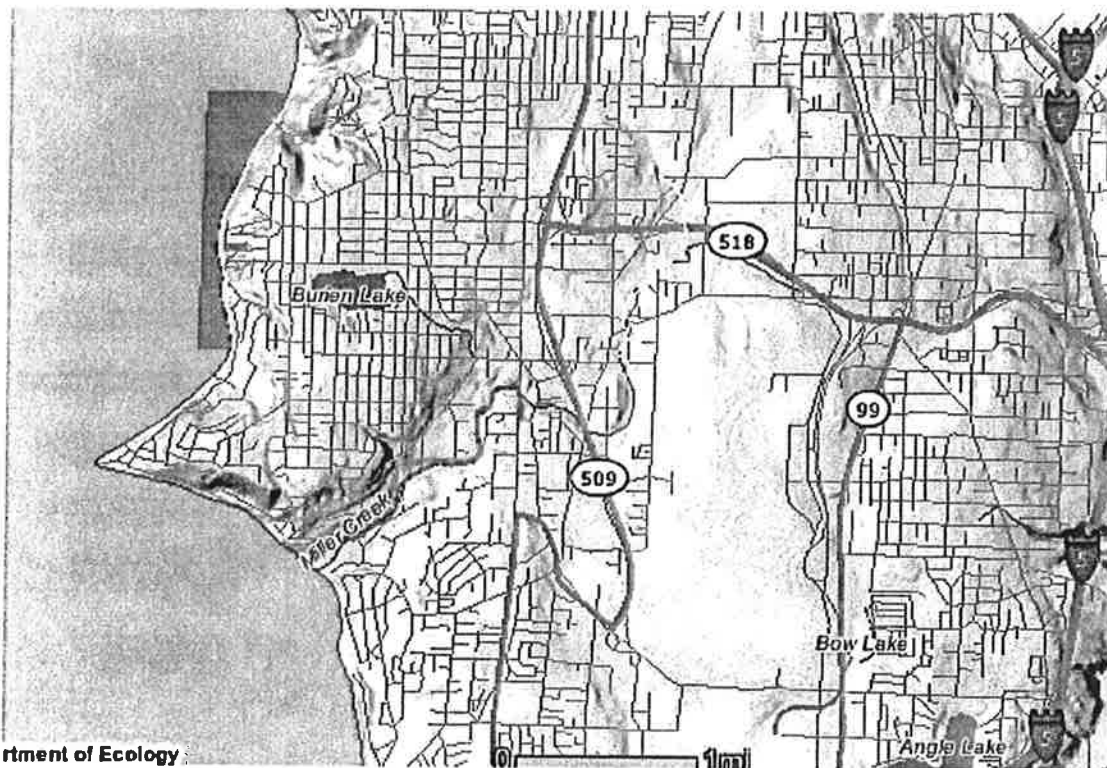
If you allow public access to Lake Burien and different points at Three Tree Point, the fecal coliform map would then soon have a red strip running clear around Three Tree Point and Lake Burien will be filled in with red. Public Access would lower our quality of life, cause us much grief and cost the city millions of dollars to clean up this mess.

I urge you to vote no to public access on Lake Burien and the different possible access points at Three Tree Point.

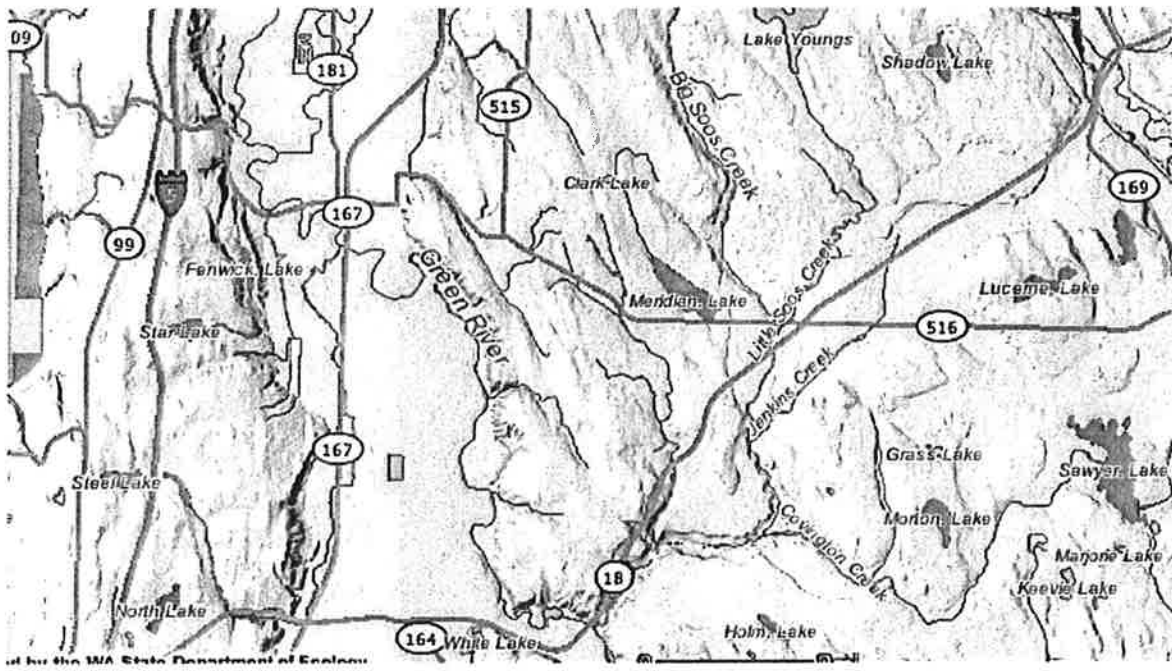
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Thank you for yor consideration.

[HTTPS://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/coastalatlascviewer.htm](https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/coastalatlascviewer.htm)



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4 DEGRADED AREAS AND POTENTIAL RESTORATION SITES

4.1 WATER QUALITY

Within the City shoreline area, the major source of available data for water quality is the State Water Quality Assessment, commonly referred to as the “303(d) list.” Technically, the 303(d) list refers to a specific category of water quality (see below). In order to maintain compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act, Ecology evaluates water quality for state fresh and marine water bodies and publishes the information as a list every two to four years. The data also are available spatially through on-line mappers made available on the Ecology website. Prior to the current list (2002/4), the next most recent list was prepared in 1998. Ecology prepares the list by integrating data from its assessment activities with data collected by other agencies and organizations. For each parameter tested, applicable areas for each waterbody are assigned one of the following categories:

- **Category 5** Polluted waters with no existing Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), submitted to EPA for approval on 2002/4 list.
- **Category 4c** Impaired, already has a TMDL.
- **Category 4b** Impaired, has pollution control plan.
- **Category 4a** Impaired, non-pollutant.
- **Category 3** No data (catch all for parameters not in Categories 5, 4 [all], 2, or 1).
- **Category 2** Waters of concern (not impaired or known to be impaired).
- **Category 1** Meets tested standards.

The assessment for each area of each waterbody is not inclusive for all pollutants. A Category 1 listing for a particular parameter does not necessarily mean that area is clean of all other pollutants.

Based on the most recent Ecology water quality impairments list the Burien marine shoreline has impairment listings for two water quality parameters (Table 6). One of these parameters, fecal coliform, is a Category 5 listing and requires a pollution control plan (Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL). There is also a Category 4c listing for Fish Habitat based on algal blooms (Frankenstein 2000).

The only parameter listed for Lake Burien is total phosphorus, which meets tested standards.

