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Subject: RE: Burien SMP conversation

Mr. Ryan:

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Dr. Taylor, thank you for supporting the Burien City meeting last Monday.

I'm the fella that had the buffer question and spoke w/ you after the mtg. You mentioned during our conversation that there was a lot of literature regarding the benefits of woody debris, vegetative matter, etc that enters the marine environment in natural settings from native growth along the shoreline. If I understood you correctly, development precludes this from happening and thus one of the reasons for the desire to develop buffer zones along the shoreline. If one were to start w/ the assumption that we're not going to tear down all the residences along the shoreline (I hope this is a valid assumption), and therefore never regain the target buffer that the scientific community desires, are there alternative ways to create these same functions?

Currently, the majority of us dispose of grass clippings and woody yard debris through a variety of different ways (landfills, compost, mulch, burn, etc). Would a better alternative be to dispose a portion of that on the beach? I shred a large portion of my prunings and use it for mulch on the hillside, but that is "small woody debris". I cringe at that suggestion as I've always been rather anal about making sure none of my yardwork ends up on the beach and have had words with a few previous neighbors who did dispose of clippings on the beach. Would something like that make up for the loss of the natural process?

We briefly discussed shade, filtering of pollutants & runoff, and halting use of pesticides & herbicides, are there other alternatives to working through the other of the 7 buffer functions you mentioned? Another thing you, and the other panel members mentioned, (at least I interpreted it that way) is that the functions are site specific and a one size fits all regulation would not be appropriate.

It bothers me that we waterfront property owners are being put in an adversarial role w/ ecology, because the majority of us are highly supportive of ecological causes, but the current regulations Burien is proposing are hazardous not only to our financial well being, but also our abilities to use our properties for personal enjoyment and water related purposes. As an example, on my bulkhead area, which is the only level area on my whole property, under several scenarios, I would have to tear down

my boathouse, plant native vegetation in densities that mimic natural conditions, and essentially lose usage of that entire piece of my property. As such, I'm highly motivated to explore other solutions.

Wish we could have heard the rest of your presentation and had more dialogue. Thanks again

Sincerely
Andy Ryan