

Preserve hunting rights in Drayton Harbor!



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Washington Waterfowl Association - Whatcom County Chapter started this petition to **Whatcom County Council** and 7 others

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Please join us in protecting local hunting rights at the Whatcom County Council public hearing on Tuesday, October 8, 7 PM at the Whatcom County Courthouse.

We the undersigned demand that Whatcom County Council reject the proposed ordinance ending all hunting on Drayton Harbor.

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Recipient: Whatcom County Council, Satpal Sidhu, Barry Buchanan, Barbara Brenner, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd

Letter: Greetings,

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Comments

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Washington Waterfowl Association - Whatcom County Chapter	Bellingham, WA	2019-09-23	"I'm signing because Birch Bay will be next if this is approved"
Aaroch Ray	Kent, WA	2019-09-23	"Historically has been hunted since Baline has been a town. There is also no real safety concern it's just people complaining about noise"
John Gauthier	Blaine, WA	2019-09-23	"People have been hunting on Drayton Harbor for a very long time. It's wrong to let a few people that they don't like it ruin the opportunity for everyone."
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Chris Deckelmann	Yelm, WA	2019-09-23	"There is already a no shooting (protective zone) established by the township. A lot of people enjoy hunting the area and respect current laws. There's no benefit to closing the harbor to any waterfowling"
Matt Berry	Bellingham, WA	2019-09-23	"Folks have hunted Drayton Harbor for much longer than any nearby residents have lived there. Don't buy a home on a prized and unique sea duck hunting bay if you don't like to hear the occasional shotgun blast in the distance."
Austin Kiemele	Vancouver, WA	2019-09-23	"I love waterfowl"
Michael Ames	Vancouver, WA	2019-09-24	"Hunters are already being pushed off public and private land at an alarming rate. I want my kids and grandkids to be able to hunt when they grow up."
Richard Holt	Anacortes, WA	2019-09-24	"I being the current President of the Washington Waterfowl Association agree with all the points that Mr. Matt Berry has brought to the table. We must not let the City of Blaine encroach on our rights as hunters and citizens of Washington state."
Joseph Wright	Oregon City, US	2019-09-24	"I'm a TFO staff member and know the struggles of finding good PUBLIC land to hunt."
Mark Young	Ferdale, US	2019-09-24	"Drayton harbor has been a quality spot to hunt waterfowl for years and years. It's one of the in told places for ducks in our area and I don't feel it needs to be shut down due to people who chose to live near such an area. Bird shot does not have the velocity to travel great distances. I can understand restrictions to certain areas of the water but there is not reason to perminatly shut it down to waterfowl hunting."
Mark Vogel	Bellingham, US	2019-09-24	"Hunting is important"
Mark Gayman	Tumwater, WA	2019-09-24	"Hunting is a way of life and is essential."

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Eric Diehl	Tacoma, WA	2019-09-24	"Because waterfowl conservation is important. An just because you build a building doesn't mean you own the water"
Justin Emery	US	2019-09-24	"Developers with deep pockets don't get to decide what activities are suitable for public land. I can tell you those developers aren't out there picking up trash on the weekends. Public land in public hands"
Dale Bailey	Lynden, WA	2019-09-24	"Hunting is our heritage."
Dustin Farris	Westmoreland, TN	2019-09-24	"We are loosing hunting ground left and right. We need to preserve as much as we possibly can to pass the sport we all love on to future generations"
Joshua Ramsey	US	2019-09-24	"It is very important to me and to all future generations that we protect our lands from being destroyed."
PATRICK MILLER	Longview, WA	2019-09-24	"Maintaining hunting on public ground is critical to wildlife conservation. Hunters pay for wildlife conservation by fees and taxes. The fewer places they have to hunt the less money will be available to conserve all wildlife."
Aprik Young	Ferndale, WA	2019-09-24	"I'm a hunter and appreciate the ability to hunt here."
Jacob Poolman	Mount Vernon, WA	2019-09-25	"I am a hunter and live in rural skagit county. Tired of losing opportunity to a few vocal complainers it happens all the time."
cory chavez	klamath falls, US	2019-09-25	"i like hunting"
Clayton Skinner	Rainier, WA	2019-09-25	"Freedom"
Douglas Stanley	West Richland, US	2019-09-25	"This effort is flawed and based on ignorance and anti-hunting sentiment rather than fact. There have been no incidents of injury or property damage to neighbors as the rules currently in place are adequate and respected by all who hunt there."
Carl Guillory	US	2019-09-25	"I stand with hunting"
Jordan Swaim	Bastrop, TX	2019-09-25	"Killing ducks is way more important than a few people complaining"
Christian Lewis	Wilmington, NC	2019-09-25	"We need to hunt"
Daniel Shes	Blaine, WA	2019-09-25	"Limited hunting access already"
Justin Morgan	Bellingham, US	2019-09-25	"We only have so many quality hunting spots in Whatcom County and I would hate to start losing the ones that we have. Some of us still like to hunt and gather and tried to show the Next Generation to be self-sufficient. And if you take away or hunting spots it is almost impossible to do that"
Kyle Ayres	Marquette, MI	2019-09-25	"I'm a duck hunter and deal with it."
Weston Sexton	Mcalester, US	2019-09-25	"I'm a man of the people"

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Mike Potts	Montesano, WA	2019-09-25	"I'm signing because we are losing our hunting grounds left and right and the game department's charging us more and more each year they come up with this b***** to limit us"
Austin Riehl	US	2019-09-26	"Waterfowl hunting needs to be preserved in Washington state public land is slowly being torn away from us!"
Donald E. Fehling Jr	Lakewood, WA	2019-09-26	"Because I am a hunter and a retired veteran."
Randy Johnson	Roy, WA	2019-09-26	"I believe they are over stepping boundaries as usual."
Mark Wyman	Mount Vernon, WA	2019-09-26	"Hunting opportunity is always in decline and public waterfowl access is already tight."
Richard Parks	Arlington, WA	2019-09-26	"We have lost far too much land for public hunting, it needs to stop"
Steven Graybill	Philpot, KY	2019-09-26	"We've lost enough hunting land as it can't end tradition cause a few people don't agree with it"
Dustin Cornelius	Pasco, US	2019-09-26	"I want my children to have access to public lands our tax dollars pay for in the future and for them to be free to enjoy said lands by participating in the great sport of waterfowling."
Adam Baldwin	Puyallup, WA	2019-09-26	"Hunting is an important way of life"
Zachary Lloyd	Granite falls, WA	2019-09-26	"Because washington takes more away from hunters every year"
Christy Whitman	Ferndale, WA	2019-09-26	"If this is not stopped, little by little we will not be able to hunt anymore. The homeowners have the option of moving, turning on some music, a fan, or a TV. The goose population needs to be thinned drastically every fall. The planted Csnada geese are a huge problem and now the snow geese."
justin olson	Kennewick, WA	2019-09-26	"I'm all for more land to be available to hunters especially seeing the land I hunt on in my lifetime go away"
Sam Krautscheid	George, WA	2019-09-26	"I believe in public and open access"
christina fry	Oak Harbor, WA	2019-09-26	"I am new to duck hunting and DO NOT want to lose this opportunity"
gary logsdon	spanaway, WA	2019-09-26	"To preserve hunting rights"
Ian Padron	Mill Creek, WA	2019-09-27	"I'm fed up with the uninformed anti-hunters in this state."
Ashley Ding	Portland, OR	2019-09-27	"I'm signing because responsible hunting is beneficial population control. Not only do the hunters eat what they hunt, the species stay at a sustainable number instead of draining an entire ecosystem."
Dan Mcnaghten	US	2019-09-27	"We need to keep our public land and waters open to all the public"
Deryn Mack	Ferndale, WA	2019-09-27	"Enough is enough!"
Gabriel Writer	Wapato, WA	2019-09-27	"Do I need a reason? I'm a conservative."

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Brandon Zsiros	Maple Falls, WA	2019-09-27	"I feed my family with ducks and geese"
Bill Martin	Seattle, US	2019-09-27	"Hi, lifelong whatcom county resident. I have not had the chance to hunt drayton harbor yet. I would like these public access areas to be open if my children decide to hunt in their future. Every piece of land or water lost leads to overcrowding and extra pressure on the remaining public lands."
John Ramerman	Bellingham, US	2019-09-27	"I am supporter of waterfowl hunting"
Harris Emmons	Seattle, WA	2019-09-28	"Hunting is the sustainable take of a renewable resource that would otherwise go to waste."
Chris Green	Lynden, WA	2019-09-28	"Quit taking our lands.away"
Daryl Morse	US	2019-09-28	"Hunters is the ultimate conservationists. Please stop snow flakesFromKilling my country"
Craig Hoffheins	Dover, PA	2019-09-28	"Even though I'll never hunt there. It's important to support each other against the wrong doings of ignorant people."
Anthony Butkus	Stevens Point, WI	2019-09-28	"I'm a hunter and this is our right"
Christopher Witt	US	2019-09-28	"Christopher J Witt"
Robert Clark	US	2019-09-28	"To protect hunting rights"
Jack Kuehnel	Klamath falls, US	2019-09-28	"I think it's important to preserve tradition and heritage"
cyndie fox	Anchorage, AK	2019-09-28	"Keep the hunters in the game!!"
Janese Lassen	Tacoma, WA	2019-09-29	"Hunting provides food for many families who cannot afford food yet do not qualify for assistance. It also helps to keep wildlife in natural balance."
Wyatt Lebeda	Hiawatha, IA	2019-09-29	"Hunting is a great tradition"
Cody Birdsey	Bellingham, WA	2019-09-30	"Hunting needs to be respected. You can't regulate on every feel good subject."
David Hoffman	Ferndale, WA	2019-09-30	"I've been hunting waterfowl in Drayton for years. This bill is unfair and is obviously backed by big liberal money. Hunting areas are limited enough, this would put an even bigger hit on it. Hunters are conservationists. We put more into the well being of our waterfowl than you might expect."
Chad Sturtz	Bellingham, US	2019-09-30	"It is just another gimmick to stop the hunting that western Washington is known for ."
Joseph Glover	Prairieville, LA	2019-10-01	"I hunt the area"
Greyson Bistodeau	Kennewick, WA	2019-10-01	"Liberals can suck my balls! Hunting is a way of life not a hobby."

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David Knoll	Bellingham, WA	2019-10-01	"Quit limiting hunting in our State. You're ruining our ability to actually hunt."
Kevin Roe	Vancouver, WA	2019-10-01	"To protect our hunting rights"
Kurt Snyder	Rochester, WA	2019-10-03	"I oppose the closure of this harbor to waterfowl hunting."
Nathan Spinelli	Lynden, WA	2019-10-04	"Hunting is absolutely necessary for a balanced ecosystem. Do NOT infringe on this balance"
Scott Kelley	Marysville, WA	2019-10-04	"This area has a rich tradition in hunting. All too often hunters are getting boxed into smaller and smaller areas. Losing opportunity to provide nutritious wild game for their families. Especially in areas that are easily accessed by those without fancy equipment or paying expensive leases."
Mitch Myers	Shelton, WA	2019-10-04	"Hunting is a right that shouldn't be given away to wealthy land owner complaints."
Jeff Reed	Crescent City, CA	2019-10-05	"Hunting rights and privileges have to be protected."
Kevin Green	Ferndale, WA	2019-10-05	"Washington elitists are destroying our way of life"
Bryan Vaughn	Bellingham, WA	2019-10-05	"Hunting ducks is a great way to bring friends and family together as well as putting tasty food on the dinner table."
Shelby Pepper	Vancouver, WA	2019-10-06	"I love duck hunting in this area"
Leo Green	Bellingham, WA	2019-10-06	"Why get ban something that's been done for hundreds n hundreds of years. Its messed up people in the head that think oh guns are a bad idea or oh they shouldn't be killing animals tho people are a endangerment to this country."
brian bendawald	snohomish, WA	2019-10-06	"nathan"
Wyatt marr	Ferndale, WA	2019-10-06	"Not an inch more these are rights folks not privliges"
Jeffrey Purser	Spokane, WA	2019-10-07	"We need to protect all our hunting lands !!"
Collin Schneider	Ferndale, WA	2019-10-07	"Hunting is a tradition and it's a right"
Ross Cline	US	2019-10-07	"All forms of hunting is protected by the Point Elliott treat of 1855"
Walker Cadman	Bellingham, WA	2019-10-07	"I stand for our hunting rights."
Debbie Colsrud-Bevel	Kennewick, WA	2019-10-07	"I personally REJECT the proposed ban on hunting ! In this area! I again REJECT THE BAN!"