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DRAYTON HARBOR NON SHOOTING ZONE

Rud Browne:

This letter is in regard to the City of Blaine's application to set up a none shooting zone in Drayton Harbor.

Waterfowl hunting at Drayton Harbor has a long history. Sea ducks, puddle ducks, geese and Brandt being the birds of choice. This tradition needs to continue for our upcoming generation of sportsman.

This proposal is in violation of the 2nd amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. What about our rights as stated in the Bill of Rights. Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The economics of sportsman spending in a community is something that needs to be looked upon. The sportsman spends monies in the community purchasing food, fuel and lodging.

Has there been any discussion to what agency is going to enforce this proposed no shooting zone. Is the city of Blaine going to use their police to enforce this plan. The Whatcom county sheriffs? The WDFW?

Has there been a feasibility study?

I have talked with a WDFW game warden who has been assigned area four for 16 years. I asked him the nature of the complaints. The complaints were concerning noise. Not one had any issue with public safety. Had any shot him landed on their homes or property. The response was no, but they did not like the noise as they were being awakened at an early hour. Let's call this what this. A noise issue plain and simple. Are boats next? The warden also told me that the WDFW does not endorse this plan.

Thank you

Richard Holt WWA President