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Whatcom County Council
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
Bellingham, WA 98225

Re: Proposed No Shooting Zones in "**Drayton Harbor**"
and "**Dearborn**" **AB2021-185 & AB2021-186**

To the **Whatcom County Council (WCC)**:

I am writing this letter to express my objections to the proposed no shooting zone in **Drayton Harbor**. I am a member of **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** and am on the Board of Directors. Like **WWA**, I support waterfowl conservation including preserving wildlife habitat and the right to hunt wildlife including waterfowl. WCC delayed the vote on the no shooting zone ordinance in **Drayton Harbor** at the June 1 council meeting based on Tribal comments and it is appropriate that the council also consider additional comments from the public which are listed below.

Like **WWA**, I am opposed to the No Shooting Zone in **Drayton Harbor** and **Dearborn AB 2021-185 & AB2021-186**. However, I do feel it is appropriate for Whatcom County to implement a 1,000 ft no development zone from the top of the beach inland around **Drayton Harbor and Dearborn**. This would preserve valuable wildlife habitat and provide a buffer to reduce pollution and contamination to **Drayton Harbor and Dearborn**. The development zone would contribute to

reduction of global warming and restoration of our beloved salmon. There are members of the development community who want total planet buildout.

Hunters have been supporting and implementing conservation for decades.

Delta Waterfowl was established in 1911 and became involved in waterfowl nesting habitat.

Hunters were instrumental in passage of the **1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act** which eliminated market hunting. This prevented the extinction of many migratory birds.

Hunters initiated the **1935 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act** which established the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, and the Small Wetlands Acquisition Program to purchase or lease wetlands for Wildlife Refuge Acquisition Program.

Hunters lobbied for passage of the **1937 Pittman and Roberson Act** that put excise tax on guns and ammunition with funds distributed among states for wildlife habitat development.

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Washington Waterfowl Association was established in 1945.

All programs and organizations continue to support and be involved in conservation activities to this day.

This is the **greatest conservation effort in the world.**

There are members of the nonhunting community including developers that have no claim to fame for preventing the extension of waterfowl, and preservation and improvement of wildlife habitat.

Request all the Whatcom County Councilors vote no on the proposed **no shoot zone for Drayton Harbor**. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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