



Skagit County Board of Commissioners

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Samish Island Resilient Access Committee
PO Box 268
Bow, WA 98232

Re: Samish Island Resilient Access Committee (SIRAC) Letter for Consideration

Dear SIRAC Members:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated March 31, 2023. We understand your concerns and appreciate the information that you have provided. Skagit County is still in the process of gathering and evaluating information in consideration of potential options concerning this matter.

We suggest that it would be more appropriate and productive to directly contact and engage representatives of Dike District No. 5 and the underlying owner of the property upon which the dikes are located (Skagit Land Trust) as the parties primarily responsible for addressing your concerns.

Further, note that we also respectfully disagree with some factual inaccuracies and statements included in your letter. We ask that you do not misconstrue our generalized response as agreement with any such statements. Given the potential for litigation, our legal advisors have advised not expanding further on these inaccuracies.

Please know that the situation with Samish Island Road, specifically, continues to be of priority for the County, and we sincerely hope that the primarily responsible parties will work to find a solution that addresses your concerns.

Regards,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Ron Wesen, Chair



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