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To: SSInfo
Subject: Fwd: Baker Beach Proposal

Dear Islands Trust,

I've believe we've met a few times over the years at one function or another.

I'm taking a few minutes to write a quick email to voice my opposition to the proposed Baker Beach foreshore modifications. I'm sure you're getting letter after letter outlining why this is a bad idea, so I won't go into great detail here.

But, in essence, the project will wreck a geologically unique beach, covering some of the most interesting rock formations on the island. This should be a last resort to save properties that are under eminent threat. They aren't. BEFORE we do something like this, the owners should take every possible upland measure to ensure stability, and they've done nothing really. It's not hard to envision an upland project with large concrete blocks, some dirtcrete, and a bit of coarse gravel. I know this works because this is exactly what we've had to do on OUR property to ensure slope stability. Many local equipment operators have substantial expertise in slope stability ... and the work would cost a fraction of the cost of 85 loads of gravel and more loads of giant rock.

To be blunt, a beautiful and unique ecosystem should not be buried in gravel because the upland owners aren't willing to deal with the problems in a modest and effective way on the upland areas. This is exactly the kind of abuse Islands Trust exists to prevent.

Thanks,

Kelly Graves
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