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Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 12:22 PM
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Subject: Application File #1415573

I am opposed to the Application File #1415573 to significantly change the stretch of Crown Land at Baker Road Beach on Salt Spring Island.

My family and I use this beach extensively over the course of each year (5+ times per week). We appreciate the rocky shore, the diversity of wildlife that we can see while there, the extensive clumps of Spanish Broom which scent the beach for months, the ability to swim in the water there from early spring through to late fall.

Throughout the time we have been going to Baker Beach, we have never seen any evidence of the wall along beach eroding from wave action. Any trees that have fallen seem to have fallen because of insufficient water drainage from the properties above the beach.

The rocky oyster shores of the beach buffer the impact of stormy waves and shoreline erosion. It provides essential habitat for the native shore crabs that live there.

This beach is one of the few habitats that support the spawning of the Midshipman Fish. These fish provide food for the Eagles and Great Blue Herons that frequent Baker Beach to the delight of all of us who go there.

It was appalling to me to think that if it wasn't for the astute, observant fellow beach goer that this significant alteration of a Crown Land Public Beach would have gone ahead with only a small public notification posted at the bottom of the staircase going down to Baker Beach.

I urge you to do everything you can to prevent File #1415573 Application from being approved.

Sincerely,

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