

To: The Bellingham Herald  
Attention: Carolyn Nielsen  
Subject: Waterfront

Dear Madam,

The site under consideration is and has always been devoted to commercial interests. I feel that it should continue to be a place where people can go to work, make a 'living wage', support the local businesses and pay taxes.

I would strongly recommend that the Georgia Pacific property not be taken off the tax rolls. Every time the Bellingham City Council takes tax-paying property off the rolls, they pile the extra load on the remaining privately owned properties. Of course, that means that renters (public housing excepted) and the property owners must pick up the increases. Then the cost of living in Bellingham increases.

The Georgia Pacific property must be available to companies that uses water and rail transportation for shipping and receiving their products. We have a great opportunity to bring back some of the family wage jobs we've been losing. This property doesn't lend itself very well to houseboats, or small boat moorage. You certainly don't have a beach there, we have more parks now, than what we can afford and the railroad tracks along with the rail traffic will remain..

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