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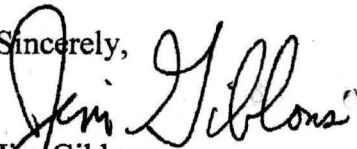
To Whom It May Concern,

Recently you may have read about the controversy surrounding shellfish farming here in S. Puget Sound. I am writing to inform you about one aspect of the controversy you may not have read about.

Laura Hendricks is the spokesperson for the Coalition to Protect Puget Sound Habitat, a Coalition of groups composed of a few local shoreline owners opposed to shellfish farming. Some of their names may be familiar to you: APHETI, Henderson Bay Shoreline Association, Mayo Cove Shoreline Association, and Case Inlet Shoreline Association.

Most of these groups say, in one way or another, that their mission is to protect Puget Sound. I find this surprising, given that their spokesperson illegally remodeled her boathouse and has "installed plumbing (that) runs out to ground." Maybe not so surprisingly for someone who would take such action, for almost a year and a half now, Ms. Hendricks has chosen to ignore Pierce County Enforcement's "Certificate of Non-Compliance" which they attached to her house.

For people who say their mission is to protect Puget Sound, I find it surprising that the various Coalition members continue to, somewhat hypocritically in my opinion, allow Ms. Hendricks to be their spokesperson.

Sincerely,  
  
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