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Skagit County Board of Commissioners
c/o Linda Hammons
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re: Comprehensive Plan Amendments | 2012 Docket

We have reviewed the proposed items and hereby submit the following recommendations:

1. **REJECT**: PL11-0239 (Ritchie) — We understand that this particular piece of land meets minimum Ag/NRL qualifications. Incremental loss of agricultural land, including this parcel, is unacceptable.
2. **REJECT**: PL11-0240 (Jensen/Peck) — Continual review of zoning designations is not justified.
3. **REJECT**: PL11-0249 (Triton-America LLC) — The landowner's request for a rezone to accommodate inappropriate industrial uses on this site is quite obviously unworthy of further review.
4. **REJECT**: PL11-0250 (Lake Erie Trucking) — Protection of resource lands is essential to maintaining Fidalgo Island's environmental health. Increasing density in this particular area is ill-advised.

SCARP supports the Comp Plan amendment process as the appropriate remedy for making zoning changes and objects to the use of the SEPA process to "explore potential agricultural de-designation." We would rather see the County propose an amendment to re-designate the County's original "Ag-Reserve" zone to "Ag/NRL."

Respectfully,

/s/ Diane Freethy

President

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