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Dear Margaret Glowacki,

We want to thank you for this opportunity to comment on Draft 2 of the proposed revisions of the Seattle Shoreline Master Plan; Chapter 23.60 of the Seattle Municipal Code. We appreciate your time and effort that the multiple drafts and revisions are taking. We have expended considerable time as well over the past three months at significant corporate expense. We feel very strongly about our comments in the following third and fourth paragraphs as well as our attached matrix of changes. Please weigh them carefully.

Being a marine business it is in our best interest to maintain the ecological function of the environment. Our Board of Directors and the 400 shareholders of Pacific Fishermen made an explicit decision to invest in ecological changes required to remain in business as a shipyard. This investment required obtaining a loan on an industrial property outside of the shoreline zone. We have spent over \$250,000.00 to capture and process our industrial storm water runoff from 0.54 acres of concrete with resultant less copper than drinking water discharged into the Ship Canal. We were the first shipyard to install a process water reclamation plant for dry docks. Its replacement cost in today's dollars is over \$550,000.00.

The sole purpose of our recommendations to your draft proposal is to prevent unintended consequences as a result of unclear wording of the updated code. We feel our changes will allow Seattle to maintain a vibrant and competitive maritime industry. We cannot stress enough the need of foregoing implementation of any Director's Rule with regards to mitigation.

The Fire Department changes their rules regularly with Directors Rules. This year they have admitted that a previous Directors Rule was incorrect and unnecessary. That error cost us over \$50,000.00. That is money we had to borrow in order to maintain our permits to stay in business. Please do not create a similar Director's Rule situation that does not have the proper inputs and controls our businesses need to survive.

We look forward to working with you on this and on following drafts to further clarify the intent and allow constructive implementation of the revised Shoreline Management Plan for Seattle.

Sincerely,  
Pacific Fishermen Shipyard and Electric

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Enclosure: Matrix of Changes