

**Exhibit F**  
**Public Comments**  
**(Received After Last PC Meeting)**

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Rufus Rose [rufusrose@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014 12:05 PM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Island County Fish and Wildlife Update - Planning Commission Hearing

1. Good afternoon Brad. Thank you. I may see you at the Commissioners' Work Session this afternoon.

Respectfully,

Rufus Rose  
579-5880

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**From:** Brad Johnson [mailto:B.Johnson@co.island.wa.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014 11:44 AM  
**To:** Rufus Rose  
**Subject:** RE: Island County Fish and Wildlife Update - Planning Commission Hearing

Rufus,

Your comments have been added to the record and will be forwarded to the Planning Commission in advance of their May 27<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Thank you,

Brad Johnson

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**From:** Rufus Rose [mailto:rufusrose@whidbey.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2014 9:26 PM  
**To:** Brad Johnson; 'Barbara Brock'; 'Basic Life Resources'; 'Bonnie Newkirk'; 'Carol Gillespie'; 'Chris Wilson'; 'Colin Hume'; 'Dan Nickel'; 'Dave Thomas'; 'Dawn Pucci'; 'Dick Fakkema'; 'Don Lee'; 'Doug Hennick'; 'Doug Peters'; 'Doug Thompson'; 'George Wilhere'; 'Grant Heiken'; 'Jeanne Hunsinger'; 'Jennifer Thomas'; 'John Lovie'; 'Karen Bishop'; 'Kira Swanson'; 'Kristin Marshall'; 'Lisa Grueter'; 'Lowell Dickson'; 'Malcolm Bishop'; 'Matt Kukuk'; 'Orca Network'; 'Ray Gabelein'; 'Robert Deering'; 'Robert Sweeton'; 'Robin Clark'; 'Ron Young'; 'Sarah Cassatt'; 'Sarah Schmidt'; 'Steve and Susan Bennet'; 'Steve Erickson'; 'Steve Erickson'; 'Susan Berta'; 'Theresa Nation'; 'Tim Hyatt'; 'Todd Zackey'; William Simpson  
**Subject:** RE: Island County Fish and Wildlife Update - Planning Commission Hearing

1. Hello Mr. Brad Johnson. Please include my comments in the Record of the Island County Fish and Wildlife Update. Also, please pass my comments to all Members of the Planning Commission prior to your 13 May Hearing.
2. List all References for Best Management Practices in the Update. Originally there were several hundred References. Such a number will be impossible for the average citizen or Staff to understand. Code References should satisfy the 'Reasonable Man' Standard.
3. Document the number of citizens that were able to attend each of the Public Working Sessions. I believe the number is quite small. Accordingly the public does not understand the significance of the Update.

4. Numerous Update elements are noted as "Reserved." Fill in each "Reserved" element in time to allow the Public to understand what each 'Reserved' element will mean before discussion at Planning Commission Public Hearings or adoption.
5. The terms "Emerging Habitat" and "Created Habitat" must be defined. Property owners must be informed of the consequences if their property 'emerges' into a protected habitat. Additionally, property owners must be informed of the consequences if they voluntarily create special 'Habitat' on their property. To that end the County owes property owners a "listing" of all special 'Habitat' locations prior to the adoption of this Update. [Note: The listing of Emerging or Created Habitat that requires limited private property uses will in effect establish a Bounty on those Habitats. There should be an incentive to assist the environment, not just restrictions.]
6. Habitat for wildlife must be described physically. What areas will not be included aw Wildlife Habitat?
7. Floral species should not be included in the Fish and Wildlife Habitat unless they are essential for the Fish and Wildlife species that depend on them.
8. List the upper reach of each protected Salmon stream. Springs? County ditches that empty into Salmon streams?
9. Steve Erickson stated that "all functions and values must be protected." Please list all 'functions' and 'values' that Island County Code will protect.
10. Document any/all differences between Public and Private Stewardship this Update will regulate.
11. Blue Iris are widely available commercially. They do not deserve special protection. Steve Erickson has commented on the Blue Flag Iris as 'unique' in Island County. The State Office that monitors unusual plants has stated that the Blue Flag Iris is abundant in Washington State. Establishing a special protection category in Island County may result in placing a Bounty on that plant here. It also functions to encourage trespass and snooping on private property. If the Blue Flag Iris deserves protection encourage the commercial farming of the plant. That will insure its abundance here.
12. I expect to attend the Planning Commission Hearing on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. I will submit additional comments at that Hearing.

Respectfully,

Rufus Rose  
6529 Four Sisters Lane  
Clinton, WA 98236  
360-579-5880  
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**From:** Brad Johnson [<mailto:B.Johnson@co.island.wa.us>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 09, 2014 4:52 PM

**To:** Barbara Brock; Basic Life Resources; Bonnie Newkirk; Carol Gillespie; Chris Wilson; Colin Hume; Dan Nickel; Dave Thomas; Dawn Pucci; Dick Fakkema; Don Lee; Doug Hennick; Doug Peters; Doug Thompson; George Wilhere; Grant Heiken; Jeanne Hunsinger; Jennifer Thomas; John Lovie; Karen Bishop; Kira Swanson; Kristin Marshall; Lisa Grueter; Lowell Dickson; Malcolm Bishop; Matt Kukuk; Orca Network; Ray Gabelein; Robert Deering; Robert Sweeton; Robin Clark; Ron Young; Rufus Rose; Sarah Cassatt; Sarah Schmidt; Steve and Susan Bennet; Steve Erickson; Steve Erickson; Susan

**Brad Johnson**

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 8:51 AM  
**To:** Kirsten Andrews  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: whidbey island habitat

Good morning,  
Thank you for your comments. I have forwarded your email to Brad Johnson, the lead planner who is working on the update to the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Ordinance. Brad can be reached at [b.johnson@co.island.wa.us](mailto:b.johnson@co.island.wa.us).

Island County Planning is closed to the public on Fridays, so please wait until Tuesday, May 27th to contact Brad.  
Thank you.

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines Island County Planning & Community Development

-----Original Message-----

From: Kirsten Andrews [<mailto:wineshop@whidbey.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 4:20 PM  
To: Plan  
Subject: whidbey island habitat

we wish to let you know we are among the many local people who want our land to be protected, actively.

gerald and kirsten andrews  
3796 npassage view lane  
langley, wa 98260

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 8:50 AM  
**To:** Kalexandra@comcast.net  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS

Good morning,

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Island County Planning & Community Development

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**From:** [Kalexandra@comcast.net](mailto:Kalexandra@comcast.net) [mailto:[Kalexandra@comcast.net](mailto:Kalexandra@comcast.net)]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 5:29 PM

**To:** Plan

**Subject:** PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS

. Over 95% of the prairie and oak woodland ecosystems have been lost to agriculture, development, road building, and invasion by trees and shrubs. Prairies and Oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington now – and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation – including protection from development – now.

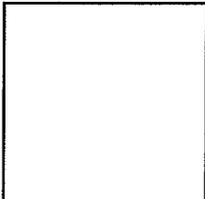
The Island County Planning Commission and the County Commissioners are obligated to follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Sincerely, Kathryn Alexandra

4311 Ginnett Rd.

Anacortes, WA 98221

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## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 8:50 AM  
**To:** Bob Roseberry  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation

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Thank you.

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**From:** Bob Roseberry [<mailto:rjroseberry@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:48 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation

Please follow science and protect protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats you will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Thank you.

Robert Roseberry  
6425 Plum Tree Ln  
Clinton, WA 98236

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** sheila sokolosky  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Conservation plan comment

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** sheila sokolosky [<mailto:ssoko@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2014 7:28 AM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Conservation plan comment

Dear Sir,

Please protect Whidbey Island's prairies and oak woodlands as part of your Fish and Wildlife conservation plan.

Thank you

Sheila Sokolosky  
8236 Sandy Hook Drive  
Clinton

Sent from my iPad

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:29 PM  
**To:** Karen Knight  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: protecting habitat

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**From:** Karen Knight [<mailto:schpet68@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 12:18 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** protecting habitat

Please follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Karen Knight, Freeland

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:28 PM  
**To:** Pati An  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Prairies & Woodlands

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Thank you for your comments.  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pati An [<mailto:3anpati@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:24 AM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Prairies & Woodlands

Dear Planning Commission,

In this era of climate change with increased disasters right at our door-step, I hope that you will consider the important ecological services that natural lands provide.

& please remember that we don't know what we don't know but what we do know is that how we've destroyed the natural world has gotten us in to a lot of trouble.

So do make sure to protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance.

By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

We will maintain the beauty of Puget Sound which draws the wealth of people to our lands

By protecting these plants who protect the air, water and PEOPLE.

With Love for our Web of Life,

Pati An

Woodinville WA

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:28 PM  
**To:** Diane Kendy  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND

Good afternoon,  
Thank you for your comments.  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Diane Kendy [<mailto:nutken@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 10:59 AM  
**To:** Plan; zz Bicc; Wean  
**Subject:** PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND

Commissioners and Planning Department,

Please heed the urging of the Whidbey Environmental Action Network and the rest of us concerned citizens. Wean, as always, has done its homework, and the GMA Hearings Board agrees with its findings.

Thank you,  
Diane Kendy  
Langley, WA

HELP PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS Last year, Whidbey Environmental Action Network got the Growth Management Hearings Board to order Island County to update its Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas ordinance. WEAN got the order because the county was required to update these critical area regulations in 2006 - and never did. So far, the county's consultants and staff are resisting protecting prairies and Oak woodlands. Over 95% of these ecosystems have been lost to agriculture, development, road building, and invasion by trees and shrubs. Prairies and Oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington now - and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation - including protection from development - now.

The Island County Planning Commission is holding a hearing next Tuesday, May 27. Tell them and the County Commissioners that they should follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

CONTACT: Island County Planning Commission [PLAN@co.island.wa.us](mailto:PLAN@co.island.wa.us) Board of Island County Commissioners [BICC@co.island.wa.us](mailto:BICC@co.island.wa.us) You do not need to be an expert to urge that these rare ecosystems be protected. But if you are an "ologist," mention it, even if only for purposes of "identification." If you'd like to see Whidbey Environmental Action Network's comments, just email us at [WEAN@whidbey.net](mailto:WEAN@whidbey.net) and we'll send them to you.

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:28 PM  
**To:** Rhonda Salerno  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Comment for May 27, 2014 Hearing

Good afternoon,

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**From:** Rhonda Salerno [<mailto:rhonda@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 12:23 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Comment for May 27, 2014 Hearing

Dear Island County Planning Commission

I am pleased to see that Island County has updated its Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas ordinance, as critical area regulations are of the utmost importance when planning for development on our beautiful islands.

I urge you to require consultants and staff who are working on these to be sure they are protecting prairies and Oak woodlands. We have already lost over 95% of these ecosystems to agriculture, development, road building, and invasion by trees and shrubs. Prairies and Oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation now, especially from development.

I am not able to attend the hearing next Tuesday, May 27, but I would like to make it heard that the staff and consultants must follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Thank you for protecting our lands in a responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Salerno

Rhonda Salerno

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 1:27 PM  
**To:** Rob Lewis  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Please protect Island County's remaining prairies and oak woodlands

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comments.

I have forwarded your email to Brad Johnson, the lead planner who is working on the update to the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas Ordinance.

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Island County Planning & Community Development

**From:** Rob Lewis [<mailto:rob@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Please protect Island County's remaining prairies and oak woodlands

These rare, species-rich resources are threatened by development. And once they're gone, they're gone. Please don't let that happen!

--Rob Lewis  
Langley

**Brad Johnson**

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**From:** Virginia Shaddy  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:55 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson; William Simpson; Jamie Hartley  
**Subject:** FW: Prairies and oak woodlands

Additional comments

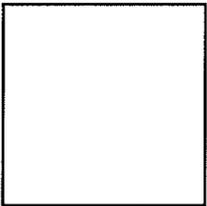
**From:** Richard Tamler [<mailto:richtamler@whidbey.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:43 AM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Prairies and oak woodlands

Please act now to protect Whidbey Island's prairies and oak woodlands.

"Prairies and oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington – and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species-rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation, including protection from development."

Thank you.

Rich Tamler  
Freeland, WA



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## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:36 AM  
**To:** Linda good  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance

Good morning,

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Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines Island County Planning & Community Development

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda good [<mailto:llgood@langleywa.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:28 AM

To: Plan

Subject: protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance

PLEASE protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. We support WEAN.

Linda & Leonard Good

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:21 AM  
**To:** Rich Bergner  
**Cc:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: Wildlife Habitat

Good morning,

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Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines  
Island County Planning & Community Development

**From:** Rich Bergner [<mailto:fidalgowildlifehabitat@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:18 AM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Wildlife Habitat

### PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS

Island County Planning Commission:

I am writing to you as a member of Fidalgo Backyard Wildlife Habitat project (FBWH) and as a concerned citizen living on a neighboring island. Beginning in 2005 we (the dedicated volunteer members of FBWF) worked with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to certify over 600 homeowners' yards, parks, church grounds, and businesses as backyard wildlife habitats. In August of 2008 we celebrated that Fidalgo Island and Guemes Island had earned the designation of becoming the 27<sup>th</sup> community in the nation to be a Wildlife Habitat Community by the NWF.

I understand that over 95% of the prairies and Oak woodlands on Whidbey Island have been lost to agriculture, development, road building, and invasion by trees and shrubs. Prairies and Oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington now – and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation – including protection from development – now.

I urge the Island County Planning Commission to follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats you will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Sincerely,  
Richard J. Bergner  
15515 Yokeko Drive  
Anacortes, WA 98221

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:09 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance!!!!

FYI

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines Island County Planning & Community Development

-----Original Message-----

From: kirk francis [mailto:kirkyhoehoe@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 10:13 PM

To: Plan

Subject: Follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance!!!!

Dear Commissioners:

Even Ray Charles could see that you should follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands!

Please ignore the moneyed interests and do the right thing.

Kirk Francis.

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## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:09 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Conservation Ordinance

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines  
Island County Planning & Community Development

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**From:** Carol/Fred Olson [<mailto:skylark@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 8:00 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Subject:** Conservation Ordinance

To the Planning Commission and County Commissioners:  
You should follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands as in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Ordinance. I would have assumed that being among the sensible, environmentally-caring people of our community you would do this without being reminded of your duty.  
Sincerely,  
Carol Olson  
Clinton, WA

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:08 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Prairie and Oak habitat conservation

FYI

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines  
Island County Planning & Community Development

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**From:** Cleveland Hall [<mailto:mchall@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:51 PM  
**To:** Plan  
**Cc:** Steve & Marianne (Steve & Marianne); zz Bicc  
**Subject:** Prairie and Oak habitat conservation

Dear Planners and Commissioners:

I am an amateur botanist and citizen devoted to the preservation, conservation and reclamation of our natural heritage here on this rich and beautiful Island under persistent threat of loss of habitat and native species. Please do your part to protect prairies and Oak woodlands as outlined in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. We are collectively responsible for the survival of these rare habitats. The legacy we leave will enrich and inspire generations to come.

Thank you.

Cleveland Hall  
Washington Native Plant Society Native Plant Steward

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:07 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Please consider;

FYI

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines Island County Planning & Community Development

-----Original Message-----

From: Karine Johnson Werner [<mailto:karinejw@whidbey.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7:21 PM  
To: Plan  
Subject: Please consider;

To The Island County Planning Commission.

PLEASE HELP PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS; follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By protecting these habitats they will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

The time is now,  
Sincerely, Dr. Karine Werner

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 8:06 AM  
**To:** Brad Johnson  
**Subject:** FW: Prairies and Oak woodlands

FYI

Janet L. Wright, AICP, LEED AP BD+C  
Associate Planner, Land Use & Shorelines  
Island County Planning & Community Development

**From:** Cynthia Tilkin [<mailto:tilkincynthia@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 7:34 AM  
**To:** Plan; zz Bicc  
**Subject:** Prairies and Oak woodlands

Dear Commissioners, I am a long time resident and have been going to county hearings for many years. In view of the fact that your boards have done some good things over time, some by force, it is a mystery to me why nothing is being done to protect our rare prairies and Oak woodlands. In view of the fact that they have been judged to be rare habitats, shouldn't you consider them your responsibility to save for the rest of the world ! I would appreciate hearing from your boards as to why nothing is being done. Sincerely, Cynthia Tilkin, 3921 Saratoga Road, Langley, WA 98260

## Brad Johnson

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**From:** Janet Wright  
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**From:** Robert Kenny [<mailto:synergy@whidbey.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 22, 2014 12:33 AM  
**To:** Plan  
**Cc:** zz Bicc  
**Subject:** PLEASE PROTECT WHIDBEY ISLAND'S RAREST HABITATS

Last year, the Growth Management Hearings Board to order Island County to update its Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas ordinance. The county had been required to update these critical area regulations in 2006 – and never did.

So far, the county's consultants and staff are resisting protecting prairies and Oak woodlands. Over 95% of these ecosystems have been lost to agriculture, development, road building, and invasion by trees and shrubs. Prairies and Oak woodlands are probably the rarest ecosystems in Washington now – and on Whidbey Island. They are highly diverse and species rich. The science is overwhelming that these now-rare habitats need active conservation – including protection from development – now.

As you know, the Planning Commission is holding a hearing on this matter next Tuesday, May 27. Please follow the science and protect prairies and Oak woodlands in the updated Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation ordinance. By doing so, you will protect numerous plant species that are uncommon in the Puget lowlands.

Please read our comments into the hearing record.

Thank you.

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**Subject:** FW: Prairies and Oak woodlands protection

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From: Karl Olsen [<mailto:debnkarl@whidbey.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 11:19 PM

To: Plan; zz Bicc

Subject: Prairies and Oak woodlands protection

Dear Friends,

Over the past several years, we here on Whidbey have managed to protect various sensitive natural areas and ecosystems from being lost to houses and parking lots and other uses, and save them for society's health and well-being, and for recreation and simple preservation. Those moments of protection have seldom come without significant pressure by WEAN and other organizations, and not without significant cost to these groups and groups like The Nature Conservancy and Whidbey Camano Land Trust.

These successes seem to take repeated convincing by education and sometimes legal methods, and by public pressure. If that is what is required, then that is what must be done.

So, here we are--time to take action once again. Our rare prairie ecosystems and oak woodlands need this protection now. Your opportunity to do so is in the updated Fish and Wildlife Conservation ordinance. It is time to follow the science, but also follow common sense and just do what is right. The area of relatively untouched ecosystems on this planet (which make it possible for us to continue to live) are steadily declining, due to development and harvesting of all types. It is time to protect.

Development is not forever, as demonstrated by the removal of the Elwha and Glines Canyon dams. But once gone, it will be nearly impossible to recreate or reclaim this valuable resource in our short lifespans. Please take action and protect these delicate places now.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,  
Karl Olsen  
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