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Comments: Please regard the following comments, pertaining to special use permit for a Reality Show TV production involving a 45 member cast and crew occupation of the Duncan Canal environs.

1. I request extending the public comment period to a timeframe commensurate with the potential negative social and environmental impacts this permit may facilitate.

2. I request access to all registered comments on this matter (public respondents, and state and federal agencies.)

3. I request a description of the PRD considerations and protocols for its issuing an SUP and line officer approval.

I have a continuing personal and commercial history of use in Duncan Canal over the past 4 decades.

I have concerns about the environmental and subsistence impacts of an operation of 45 or more people using drones and helicopters over an entire month in Duncan Canal.

This area represents an important hunting destination for local resident hunters traveling by small boat. High levels of personal use and subsistence hunters occur in the area during the fall rut of moose and deer and waterfowl hunting seasons. The relatively protected water-ways provide hunters far safer access. Human presence of this magnitude and duration will inevitably result in lower hunting success, and / or displacement of local hunters.

I am troubled by an ad taken out in the Sept. 28 Petersburg Pilot, notifying the public of this "production." It represented the timeline of SUP issuance as a foregone conclusion e.g., "A production will be filming in Little Duncan Bay from approximately October 1 to November 12th, 2023." This contradicts past descriptions of areas impacted, and renders the public comment process moot. The ad refers to "our Lead Safety Officer" without identifying what entity constitutes "our", and operates by whose authority?

I do not feel PRD has been forthright in notifying the local public on a permit of this magnitude nor providing a sufficient timeline for well-considered review in order to provide well-informed public comment. This does not reflect well on PRD's oversight of local forestland and coastal areas of the Petersburg District.

Sincerely

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