

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING BEACH NOURISHMENT PROJECTS,  
PROHIBITING CONSTRUCTION ON SUCH BEACHES

WHEREAS, erosion of beach and shore lands on Puget Island presents a threat to the property of Puget Islanders and state land managed by the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers and the County of Wahkiakum have weighed and considered potential solutions for the benefit of Puget Island property owners and the state; and

WHEREAS, beach nourishment - the addition of sand and earth to eroded areas - has been determined to be the solution best calculated to protect Puget Island property, state land and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the sand and earth added to Puget Island beaches by the Army Corps of Engineers for future beach nourishment will be unsuitable for use as a base for construction of additional structures; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons above stated, it is the policy of the Army Corps of Engineers not to execute beach nourishment projects unless new construction on such beaches is prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wahkiakum understands and accepts the limitation of use of the property formed by beach nourishment as a wise and desirable precaution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WAHAKIAKUM, as follows:

**Section 1: Prohibition of Construction.**

A) No structure of any sort may be constructed, erected, or placed on the lands created by the Pancake Point, Sand Pit, or any other future beach nourishment projects of the Army Corps of Engineers.

B) Violation of subsection (A) of this section is a gross misdemeanor. Costs of removal of such structure and environmental mitigation, if any, shall be recoverable as restitution.

C) The remedy provided in this section is not exclusive. The application or applicability of this section shall not prohibit either the county or the property owner from exercising any other right or remedy provided by law, ordinance, or equity.

