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What is the goal here? Preventing construction and use of land based on predictions of potential future conditions? Ecology needs to manage the shoreline areas and related habitat, this needs to include the use of it by humans and acknowledge that adjacent owners do have rights and can known accepted risks. Ecology should not be restricting owners uses based on predictions. Owners should be able to proceed at their own risk of loss.

As someone who cares about housing affordability, I get worried every time I see another layer added to the permitting process. I"ve seen how even small delays can snowball into real costs. Every extra review, every new requirement, and every additional month waiting for approval adds uncertainty and makes housing more expensive to deliver.
What frustrates me is that we"re constantly talking about the need for more housing, yet proposals like this make it harder to build homes. The people who ultimately pay the price aren"t developers or regulators; they"re the families trying to buy a home or find an affordable place to live. We should make the process more predictable and efficient, not add new hurdles. Ecology should revise this proposal and remove the provisions that add delay, increase costs, and make it harder to build the housing Washington desperately needs.