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It is unclear to me how this process works.

If a community is not reasonably able to pay its fair share of the investment needed to protect Puget Sound, then what happens?

If more wealthy communities have their requirements increased to make up the loss from less wealthy communities, then Puget Sound receives the treatment it needs. This is similar to school financing.

However, if the less wealthy communities simply pay less than their share with no action to cover this loss, Puget Sound essentially "pays" by being degraded to a greater extent than it would be if all jurisdictions pitched in to do what is needed. This is what happens when poor communities just live with lower levels of service in policing, parks, etc.

Let us all recognize that Puget Sound is dying a long, slow death. This has been well known for decades. We need to do all we can to reverse its decline.

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