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Drayton Harbor is a very important resource for Blaine and Whatcom County. Cleaning up sources of pollution and preventing more should be a priority for both governments. Likely sources of pollution are failing septic systems, (for which the County failed to require inspections a few years ago); large numbers of birds (cormorants, gulls, others); probably boats in the two marinas, and those visiting the harbor.

Since it is a body of water at the top of Semiahmoo Bay, it likely accumulates pollutants, and cannot adequately flush them via tidal flows, it is all the more important to address this problem effectively. Business, commercial and recreational interest are a stake here.

While stronger regulations and enforcement are not popular steps to implement, they may be the only way to improve the situation.