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Point Roberts, WA 98281

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Penny Ingrahm
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Dear: Penny Ingrahm:

We have lived in Point Roberts since March 1996. Point Roberts has grown quite dramatically since then. The community has 2200 water connections and some approximately 2000 residences. We have approximately 3600 people distributed over an area of 4.5 square miles. This population density is that of a small city. In fact Point Roberts should be a city. Cities have mandatory curbside garbage collection and recycling. Over the years and currently we have instances of garbage dumping on the roadsides and on vacant properties. This dumping of garbage is becoming a health issue.

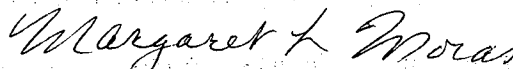
Whatcom County could help resolve the garbage problem by simply requiring all residential properties being serviced by the Point Roberts Water District to participate in the curbside collection service. Those having water service to unimproved properties would be granted an exemption. The present garbage waiver program is not enforced by the County and it is being misused and abused. It must be eliminated. In addition this would provide whoever the Garbage Company turns out to be a decent customer base upon which a business could be run. In that regard, we agree with Point Recycling and Refuse. Whatcom County must step up to the plate and stop treating Point Roberts as if it is rural farmland or a Canadian cottage community. It is neither.

We have no preference in who should be the Point Roberts garbage hauler and refuse station operator. That is your job in the WUTC to make the judgment on our behalf.

Yours sincerely,



Bruno A. Moras



Margaret L. Moras