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3/16/05	Verbal – at BICC Staff Session	Plan needs to reference why bottled water is not listed as a viable water supply option.	Plan recommends bottled water as an emergency or short-term drinking water supply.	Bottled Water
3/21/05	Paper comment form – at OH Open House	Please consider a self-regulating water market instead of political regulation of water resources.	Changes to water law are the responsibility of State legislature.	Water Market Water Law
3/21/05	Verbal – made during OH Open House	Plan should recommend actions for solving current/ongoing seawater intrusion (SWI) problems.	Plan recommends preventative measures for avoiding future SWI issues.	SWI
3/23/05	Verbal – made during Bayview Open House	What is the purpose of this Plan? Are there even real problems? Isn't this just a way to justify even more regulation in future?	Plan was developed to State legislation. See Issue Discussion in Plan for description of problems.	Future Regulation
3/23/05	Verbal – made during Bayview Open House	What will the Plan have to say regarding instream flow rules? How are instream flow rules determined, and who enforces these?	See Instream Flow Recommendation #13 (page 35 of Plan).	Instream Flows
3/28/05	Email – made after Bayview Open House	WRAC has done an excellent job of collecting the data and presenting the material to the public. My only wish is that the Plan contained more “directives” rather than “suggestions” to the county. Water is an important issue here and needs scientific guidance – let's give it just that. I grow tired of the county's we “should” do this and we “should” emphasize that. Let's make it a law and do it.	Groundwater Recharge and Seawater Intrusion recommendations are currently being reviewed for implementation.	Implementation Best Avail. Science

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4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Will City of Oak Harbor require a moratorium? Concerns regarding their reliance on Skagit River water, and well back-up capacity.	See Water Supply Option Recommendation #4C (page 37 of Plan) and Water Supply Option issue discussion (page 23 of Plan).	OH Well Capacity Imported Water
4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Desalination is too expensive, energy intensive, and produces too much waste.	Plan places low priority on desalination as a water supply option (Recommendation #4E, page 37 of Plan).	Desalination
4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	The Plan should deal with land use and future population projections – keep sustainability in mind.	Plan recommends the best use and man. of the water we have; is not a land use plan.	Pop. Projections
4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Conservation is a good idea when in areas at risk of SWI or already intruded. However, more water available allows for more new development.	Water scarcity is not a long-term method of ensuring open space protection or limiting development.	Conservation Openspace Protect. Devel. Restrictions
4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Excellent work and recommendations. Make sure the Plan gets implemented.	Groundwater Recharge and Seawater Intrusion recommendations are currently being reviewed for implementation.	Implementation

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4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Concerned about exempt wells and their impacts to surrounding wells and aquifer capacity / quality.	See Seawater Intrusion recommendations #15A and #15B (pages 31-33 in Plan). See Water System Consolidation recommendation #6B (page 37 in Plan).	Exempt Wells Water Quantity Contamination
4/4/05	Verbal – made during Coupeville Open House	Excellent Plan – keep up the good work and get ideas implemented.	Thank you! Groundwater Recharge and Seawater Intrusion recommendations are currently being reviewed for implementation.	Implementation
4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	There is a substantial volume of water that accumulates in the county ditches and ultimately runs off into the Sound. We should be capturing this and infusing it back into the ground. It would benefit recharge and lower non-point pollution from runoff.	See GW Recharge recommendation #14C (page 34 in Plan).	Reclaimed Water Nonpoint Runoff GW Recharge
4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	I really like the idea of a tax or other incentive for developers and land-owners to keep natural areas on their property – especially 5 acre lots or larger, or undeveloped areas – to keep a larger percentage (maybe 50-60%) in trees to support recharge.	See GW Recharge recommendation #14C (page 34 in Plan).	GW Recharge LID

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4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	Exempt wells need a reduced allowable water usage for non-farm properties.	Changes to water law are the responsibility of State legislature. Exempt wells have allowed rural development in Island County; see “Exempt Wells” topic paper.	Exempt Wells Water Rights
4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	Current rainwater catchment usage limits are a joke.	See Rainwater Catchment recommendation #5 (page 37 in Plan).	Water Rights Rainwater Catchment
4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	I want to know more about groundwater redistribution in the future. Also what specifically do you mean by “manage public water systems”?	See Water Supply Option recommendation #4B (page 37 in Plan).	GW Redistribution
4/13/05	Paper comment form – at Camano Open House	According to a Whidbey News-Times article, Whidbey will know how much natural drinking water it has in 2-3 years. Will Camano Island know also? How many people can Camano Island water supply support?	See “Will We Have Enough Water” and “Population Distribution discussions (Introduction and Background section, pages 1-4 in Plan).	Water Use #'s Phase 2 Report Pop. Projections
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Update CWSP (Island County's Coordinated Water Systems Plan, 1990)	See Water System Coordination recommendation #6A (page 36 in Plan).	CWSP

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4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Don't allow eminent domain/takings of others' wells through requiring linking systems together and taking their water (re: consolidation & GW redistribution).	Plan recommends voluntary consolidation measures only.	Consolidation GW Redistribution
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Need to have teeth in new On-Site-Septic Rules, re: Septic O&M requirements.	See GW Recharge recommendation #14A/14B (page 34 in draft Plan).	OSS Rule Change Septic O&M
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Septic Operation & Management is important because waste water percolates down to GW aquifers – that is, potable drinking water supply.	See GW Recharge recommendation #14A/14B (page 34 in Plan).	OSS Rule Change Septic O&M
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Water retention for artificial recharge – LID – provide tax savings for developers (incentives).	See GW Recharge recommendation #14C (page 34 in Plan).	GW Recharge Reclaimed Water LID
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Plan needs to set a cap on new residences – we have a finite GW source, therefore need to set development limits. Be proactive, not just reactive.	Plan recommends the best use and man. of the water we have; is not a land use plan.	Land Use Planning Development Limits
4/13/05	Verbal – made during Camano Open House	Plan needs to contain recommendations as to how to conserve – for example, rainwater catchment.	See Rainwater Catchment recommendation #5 (page 37 of Plan).	Conservation Rainwater Catchment

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4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	Regulated stream flow needs to address soil conditions.	See Instream Flow Recommendation #13 (page 35 of Plan).	Instream Flows
4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	Re-establish the Island County CWSP.	See Water System Coordination recommendation #6A (page 36 in Plan).	CWSP
4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	In future: implement artificial GW recharge.	See “Groundwater Recharge” topic paper and issue discussion within Plan.	GW Recharge
4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	In future: reuse runoff to augment water use.	See Water Supply Option recommendation #4F (page 37 in Plan).	Reclaimed Water
4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	New system is needed for issuing water rights.	See Water Right recommendations #11A, #11B, and #12A/12B (pages 34 & 35 in Plan).	Water Rights

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4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	It is wrong that state law gives island exempt wells the same rights as on the mainland.	Changes to water law are the responsibility of State legislature. Exempt wells have allowed rural development in Island County; see “Exempt Wells” topic paper.	Exempt Wells Water Rights
4/13/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	Understanding water budget is crucial to water res.man.	See “Will We Have Enough Water” and discussion (Introduction and Background section, pages 1-3 in Plan).	Best Avail. Science
4/15/05	Comment document – submitted at Camano Open House	WRAC is doing a commendable job for the county. We need a working tool for water resource management as well as for an independent body outside of the political structure. I believe in science and the regulation of water its usage depends on sound science.	Thank you! See “Data Collection and Management” topic paper.	WRAC Best Avail. Science
5/7/05	Comment made via email	Plan’s discussion and recommendations regarding Seawater Intrusion have brought a new level of understanding to the county. I hope that citizens and the Commissioners appreciate what a revolution of understanding you have brought to us.	Seawater Intrusion recommendations are currently being reviewed for implementation.	Seawater Intrusion Best Avail. Science
5/10/05	Verbal comment – phone conversation	The Plan should focus a recommendation on artificial infiltration. Overall, I like the Plan and think it’s great.	Thank you!	Reclaimed Water GW Recharge Artificial Infiltration

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5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	The Whidbey Island Conservation District supports the Plan. Plan findings and recommendations have already been useful for the CD program and grant planning (e.g., BMP's within Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas).	Thank you!	Implementation
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Island County should ensure that new development has water resources available; should match development with available water resources.	Island County only issues building permits with proof of water availability.	Water Supply Water Availability
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Oak Harbor is dependent upon imported river water, but this source may be in short supply – in future the City may need to rely more and more on well water, therefore impacting county residents who are 100% reliant upon wells.	Oak Harbor water situation is reviewed within the “Water Supply Options” Issue Summary; see also the “Water Supply Alternatives” topic paper.	Imported Water OH Well Capacity Water Rights
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Is the Plan conservative enough about addressing Seawater Intrusion?	Plan proposes revisions to existing SWI Policy, based on Best Available Science.	Seawater Intrusion
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Plan should bring all county departments on the same page; for example, development that is allowed should implement LID measures for the protection of groundwater recharge rates.	See GW Recharge recommendation #14C (page 34 in Plan).	LID GW Recharge Implementation
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Questions the science of the Plan – contains too many estimates and not enough absolutes regarding groundwater quantity.	See “Will We Have Enough Water” and discussion (Introduction and Background section, pages 1-3 in Plan).	Best Avail. Science

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5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Individual topic papers may be based on Best Available Science. However, does the Plan integrate these issues and as a whole reflect Best Available Science?	All topics comprising the Plan are related, so final Plan integrates into comprehensive whole. Best Available Science is an ongoing process – topic papers reflect Best Available Science at the current time.	Best Avail. Science
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Has heard conflicting information about Plan recommendations, and is concerned about water quantity and impacts of future development.	Plan recommends the best use and management of the water we have; is not a land use plan.	Water Supply Water Availability Water Rights Development Limits
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Is concerned that the Plan calls for mandatory meter reading, leading to Island County acting as a water utility and charging for well water use (see page 28 of draft Plan, re: current metering requirements).	Plan does not recommend meter reporting. Plan does contain metering and tiered rate recommendation for public water systems choosing to encourage conservation.	Conservation Water Utility
5/23/05	Public Comment – made at BICC Public Hearing	Exempt wells increase potential of groundwater contamination – request to insert the word “potential” into discussion of exempt wells (see pages 18 and 37 of draft Plan).	Change made as requested (page 37, draft Plan).	Exempt Wells