

TO: Jefferson Co Dept of Community Development

FROM: Alfred N. Hunt
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7 June 2022

I am writing to comment on voice my support of the Jefferson Co Sportsmen's Asso. It is important that they continue their contribution to the Community by providing a safe and regulated facility for the use of legal firearms. They also provide training on Range use and safety. They also provide a facility for City and County Law Enforcement to use. I strongly encourage you to support this Organization. Thank you.

Al Hunt



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Alisa Hasbrouck

From: Christopher Hanson <chris@hopti.com>
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Alisa Hasbrouck; David W. Johnson
Subject: Comment on SEPA DETERMINATION OTH2019-00016

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Alisa/David

My wife Linda Mattos and I live quite close to the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association. Both of us support the "Gun Club" and the public service it provides both to citizens and law enforcement.

Education about firearms and training in their proper use are important to us.

The recreational opportunities provided to our community for shooting sports and archery are unavailable anywhere else.

The Jefferson County Sportsman's Association has been a good neighbor to us for over 30 years, continuously improving the ranges and working with neighbors to address concerns.

Linda and I both support the approval and granting of this permit

Please do contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you very much

Christopher Hanson
Linda Mattos

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Alisa Hasbrouck

From: Cindi and Mike Kunz <cmkunzfamily@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 29, 2022 7:52 AM
To: Alisa Hasbrouck; David W. Johnson
Subject: Comment on SEPA DETERMINATION OTH2019-00016

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David/Alisa: We received the subject SEPA Determination Public Notice information from our neighbors, Gary and Becky Zwissler. My husband, Mike, and I are long time neighbors of the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association (aka the Gun Club). We have lived in our home near the Gun Club since 1988. We strongly support the club and the public services they provide including: safe shooting opportunities, organized competitions, public education, and training facilities used by law enforcement. We support the approval and granting of this permit. Thank you.

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Alisa Hasbrouck

From: Gary Zwissler <gary.zwissler@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2022 11:42 AM
To: Alisa Hasbrouck
Subject: Fwd: Comment on SEPA DETERMINATION OTH2019-00016

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Date: May 27, 2022 at 11:39:16 AM PDT
To: "David W. Johnson" <djohnson@co.jefferson.wa.us>,
Subject: **Comment on SEPA DETERMINATION OTH2019-00016**

David/Alisa: Thank you for the Public Notice letter for this application. I tried to add my comments on the permit page but was unable to do so. So I'm sending them directly to you. My wife Becky and I are neighbors of the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association (aka the Gun Club). We strongly support the club and the public services they provide including: safe shooting opportunities, organized competitions, public education, and training facilities used by law enforcement. We support the approval and granting of this permit. Thank you.

Gary Zwissler
Becky Zwissler
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May 29, 2022

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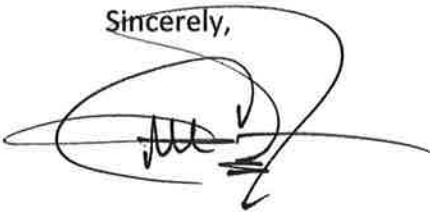
Subject: Application for Type I Land Use and SEPA

Reference: Jefferson County Sportsman's Association (JCSA)

The intent of this letter is to encourage the Jefferson County Department of Community Development to approve the JCSA application for Type I land use and State Environmental Policy Act authorization. The JCSA is a responsible and well-managed organization that provides a safe, secure and strictly operated facility for members to participate in the operation of firearms. The JCSA location also serves to protect our environment by providing a facility for firearms practice so that people do not shoot in remote wilderness areas – thereby creating unsafe and environmentally unfriendly conditions. The JCSA offers educational opportunities for members to ensure the safe storage and use of firearms, and demonstrates environmental stewardship by periodically removing the lead content from the range as well.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the JCSA facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. M. Cope', written over a large, loopy flourish that extends across the line.

J. M. Cope
P.O. Box 2445
Silverdale, WA 98383



May 31, 2022



Jefferson County Department of Community Development
Development Review Division
621 Sheridan Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368

RE: The public notice in The Leader regarding JCSA's application for Type I land use and SEPA determination

Dear Sirs:

In light of all the misinformation regarding the Second Amendment which affords all law-abiding citizens to own firearms, below I will enumerate just some of the benefits of owning firearms and having a range like to Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association (JCSA) on which to practice the safe, responsible handling of firearms.

1. Many people have firearms for hunting game animals. But given today's environment of rampant crime, the revolving door that often immediately releases criminal offenders who go out and continue to perpetrate crimes, and the failure to prosecute criminals, more and more people are legally obtaining guns to use in the defense of the lives of their family members and their property. I realize that we are very fortunate that we do not have the problems that are plaguing larger cities. However, statistics show that home invasions, burglary, etc. are crimes that are generally handled by law enforcement after the fact. Given the coverage and response time of addressing home invasions, residents in the county are almost always left to confront the immediate issue on their own.
2. Having a safe, regulated gun range like Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association (JCSA) is an invaluable resource to gun owners and to the community. Not only does it provide a safe environment in which to stay proficient in handling firearms, it provides many gun safety classes which teach the safe handling, storing and use of firearms. In addition, it also

provides a place for local law enforcement agencies to practice and stay proficient.

3. JCSA provides high berms to ensure that bullets are stopped by the berms. They have also taken steps to reduce the noise of gunfire in the surrounding area by installing noise abatement materials on the rifle range. In addition, they also remove lead from the impact areas.
4. JCSA is the best alternative and safest alternative to shooting in the woods and the litter that would be left from targets, bottles, cans, etc.

I realize that gun ownership is a highly charged issue, but restricting or limiting law abiding citizens from the safe and legal means to stay proficient in the use and handling of firearms is essential,

Respectfully,



Jan Brainard

Jefferson County Department of community Development
Department Review Division
621 Sheridan Street
Port Townsend WA 98368



Development Review Members,

It is my understanding that a land use permit for Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association is coming up for review.

The JCSA is of great benefit to the county and National Forest for the following reasons;

- (a) the association provides a safe , regulated area for shooters as opposed to shooting in the "woods".
- (b) provides classroom training for the safe use and storage of firearms
- (c) where like minded persons come together for the benefit of the shooting sports.
- (d) a very nice venue for law enforcement to keep their skills sharp.

Thanking You for Your time,
John R. Long
JCSA member

Mr. John Long
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From: [John P. McCormack](mailto:John.P.McCormack)
To: info@jeffersoncountypublichealth.org
Subject: OTH2019-00016-Jefferson County Sportsmen Association Commercial Shooting Facility Operating Permit
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022 7:12:44 AM

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Dear Folks,

I believe that I have until 4 pm today to comment. I am a neighbor of the Gun Club.

My comment is this, regarding the above permit:

My uncle, his children (my first cousins) and their children are all hunters, shooting mostly duck, with some big game. I am not opposed to and in fact, support safe firearm use and hunting culture. In much of the country hunters are a necessary apex predator in areas where the natural predators are extinct.

But gun culture has been bent and it has allowed constant massacres and mass shootings in this country that are uncommon in the rest of the civilized world.

I would therefore as the members of this local club to relinquish their military style assault weapons and work to change gun culture and help to reduce/ eliminate this scourge of violence in our country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John

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Alisa Hasbrouck

From: Linda Spangler <ljspangler42@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:44 PM
To: Alisa Hasbrouck
Subject: shooting range

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Hello, I received a letter today regarding the shooting range located on Gun Club Rd.

I live on Florence St. about 3/4 mile from the range and have lived here for 9 years. The shooting range has always been a point of confusion for me, in that it is located within a dense population. The noise from the shooting range sometimes sounds like constant bombing of larger than rifle or pistol-sized guns. I have heard shooting after dark on occasion (I am told the facility doesn't shoot after dark, which runs counter to my experience) which has gone on for up to an hour and with several guns, not just a random person shooting a coyote or possum. It seems to me that this facility would be better served in a more rural environment.

I grew up with guns in our home in a very small town in Iowa. My dad had a gun rack on the wall right outside my bedroom. My brother and I were raised with a respect for those hunting guns my dad used. Gun ownership today is a very, very different reality than in those early days of my life...bigger, deadlier and faster with magazines that are NOT intended for anything other than war. I'm sure you are well aware of this fact.

I could not find where to post or enter comments regarding the permitting once again of this facility, hence I am sending these comments to you.

Thank you for the opportunity and for reading.

Linda Spangler

Alisa Hasbrouck

From: umap777@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 4:46 PM
To: Alisa Hasbrouck
Subject: Shooting Range

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To Alisa Hasbrouck,

As a property owner within one mile of the shooting range, I strongly object to the noise pollution that the gun clubs generates in the area.

I think that the Sportsman Association should be required to build an indoor range to mitigate the sound of the gun fire.

Thanks,
Louis Aissen

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RE: Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association Application for Land Use

Gentlemen:

I was born and raised in Jefferson County, but the county that I grew up in is definitely not the county of today. Today, our community is faced with an ever increasing threat to our personal safety brought about by the decriminalization of dangerous, addictive drugs; the insane movement to actually defund the police and weaken their influence when it is most needed; the down grading of criminal offenses to the point where criminals receive little or no penalties, causing them to become emboldened to commit more and more serious crimes. Several years ago, two of our friends were murdered in Quilcene by drug addled criminals. Instead of leaving our bedroom door open at night to fresh air, we keep it locked and a gun at our bedside in fear that this could happen to us. The police blotters are full of reports of burglaries and assaults. I am a 70 year old woman now living in fear in a community where it was once the norm to leave doors unlocked 24/7. Pretty sad commentary.

I am a relative newcomer to having a gun on my person and in my home, having purchased my first gun just five years ago. But because of what I set out above, I felt the need to protect myself and my residence from home invasion. I am proud to say that when I made the decision to purchase a gun, I took the responsible, prudent and safe route by enrolling in any and every gun class offered by the local Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association. I continue to take remedial classes to this day. I have learned the fundamentals of handling guns, how to load and unload, shoot in a safe manner, etc. The JCSA has been a safe, secure training facility for me; and I have encouraged all of my friends who have recently purchased handguns to do the same.

I urge you to support JCSA's application for the Type I land use and SEPA determination because it is my ardent belief that the JCSA provides:

-a safe, regulated area for shooters so that they are not going out into the woods or hills, using garbage like old refrigerators as targets, causing debris to pile up. I also fear shooters that are not using the JCSA facility will someday hit an innocent hiker or someone strolling through the outdoors.

-keeping lead mining from occurring in the out of doors in a like manner. As part of the training at JCSA, all participants are required to canvas and pick up their spent casings. Those using the great outdoors often just leave their spent shell casings lying around to leach into the ground and water systems.

-and very importantly, the JCSA offers formal classroom training and on-site shooting with professionally trained instructors. Attendees are taught all of the fundamentals of handling guns in a safe and responsible manner. I wish everyone purchasing a gun for the first time would avail themselves of taking these informative classes.

I thank you for your consideration and in taking the time to read this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marianne Walters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

MARIANNE WALTERS

Retired Jefferson County Clerk, Court
Administrator and Court Commissioner
Lifelong Resident of Jefferson County
Gun Owner

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Cc: JCSA

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May 30, 2022

Jefferson County Department of Community Development
Development Review Division
621 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is regarding the upcoming Jefferson County action on the firearms range operated by the Jefferson County Sportsman's Association (JCSA).

As a longtime recreational shooter, reloader, firearms collector, and member of the JCSA, I am fully in favor of preserving the existing facility and governance of the range. Any changes to close or otherwise prohibit or inhibit the legal and safe activities at the range would be at a significant detriment to the North Peninsula. If the range were lost to the community, it would aggravate unsafe conditions in the fields and forests of the peninsula as shooters would be forced to use unregulated areas to teach and practice the shooting sports. In addition, loss of the range, in operation since 1962, would upset the status quo and send a negative message to the large population of firearm owners and enthusiasts, that their time-honored and legal activities are henceforth denied.

I recognize that a portion of the peninsula community seek to make firearms the villain in the wave of mass shootings in the United States. However, given the empowerment of the Second Amendment of the Constitution and the existence of over 300 million firearms in the U.S., it is unlikely that firearm prohibitions will significantly reduce the number of murders committed in this country. Mass murder is complicated by many factors, including mental health, racial and religious hatred, economic status, law enforcement response, internet misinformation, and failure of individual and parental responsibility and accountability. Additional firearm controls, at any level, will harm only the law-abiding population, not criminals or the mentally unstable.

I urge a favorable ruling and support of the JCSA firearms range.

Sincerely,
Mark Platt



To the Jefferson County Department of Community Development,
Development Review Division:

We write in support of the Jefferson County Sportsmens Association's (JCSA) application for Type I land use and SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) determination.

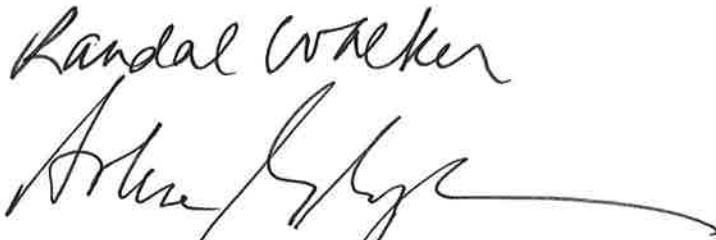
We recently joined the JCSA. Since that time we have taken valuable NRA classes in the JCSA classroom. Before we were able to use the range facilities we were given a mandatory orientation by the Range Master, Erin Hubbard, who emphasized all aspects of range safety.

The JCSA provides valuable resources to its membership, the public, and to law enforcement. We are continually impressed with the emphasis on safety practiced by every member. And I believe that every member's awareness that we operate on county property reinforces our obligation to practice gun safety of the highest order.

The JCSA also provides a forum for community camaraderie and social interactions, the importance of which cannot be overstated.

It is for all of the above reasons that we support JCSA's application before you.

Sincerely,



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Regarding the Jefferson County Sportsmens Association's Type I Land Use and SEPA determination I write to urge granting them these permits.

As one who is in favor of safe and regulated gun use I find the JCSA safety and training policies thoughtful, comprehensive and enforced.

JCSA provides a safe and regulated place for me to target shoot and that keeps me and many others like me from going out into the woods and for some making a big mess of destroyed objects made of glass, porcelain, plastic etc.

They regularly offer classes and meetings for members to get educated on responsible use and storage of firearms.

They also have a program where the spent lead is mined and removed from areas behind targets. That is never going to happen up in the woods.

There is no other place for locals to safely and responsibly discharge firearms in Jefferson County.

I understand now is not a great time to do anything that favors firearm use, but this life long Dem voter and sensible gun control supporter feels that this facility is important to the community and must be allowed to continue.

Isn't it better to have firearms discharged in a controlled and known environment than to have a bunch more folks shooting around the county? They are just around the corner from JCFD if there is an accident. Really they are in a perfect spot. Leave them.

Tony Goldenberg
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5-29-22

