

By email 9/21/11 (Written in response to a personal communication about BOCC meeting on 9/27/11 concerning SMP activity.)

To all,

The gentleman conducting the Shoreline Management meeting for input, at the John Wayne Marina about two months ago was Jim Kramer of ESA Adolphsen. The following are some of his affiliations: consultant, Shared Strategy for Puget Sound; co-manager of the Puget Sound Partnership; founding member of Washington State Salmon Funding Recover Board ( I believe that he and commissioner Tharinger were members at the same time ? ); member of the Puget Sound Restoration Fund. It would seem that in light of these affiliations he would hardly have an unbiased approach to the Shoreline Management study ( Probably the last guy the government should have helping to direct this study, would he have an agenda? )

At that meeting I asked Kramer if he was a campaign contributor to Tharinger. I recall that he did acknowledge that fact but just kept right on pushing with his Delphi Technique type presentation, at which he was unfortunately very adept.

Tharinger's Washington State PDC records disclose that Kramer, a SEATTLE AREA RESIDENT, made a \$250.00 contribution to his campaign for State Legislator on 10/05/10. Kramer made a \$100.00 donation to Tharinger's campaign for Clallam County Commissioner on 08/02/07.

If Tharinger voted to allow ESA Adolphsen to get the SMP \$599,000.00 contract ,  
wouldn't that have been improper and shouldn't he have recused himself from that  
vote, because he knows Kramer, that Kramer works for ESA Adolphsen, and that  
Kramer is a contributor to his political campaigns.

This is much like the recent vote in a water issue matter by the BOCC involving Dave  
Leroux, a real estate developer (Discover Trail Farms (DTF)– GFD INC.). Tharinger  
is a personal friend of Leroux, Leroux contributed \$50.00 to his campaign for  
commissioner on 7/24/07 and his wife Martha Rudersdorf contributed \$50.00 to  
the same campaign on 7/24/07, but Tharinger took part in the vote.

It gets better, Tharinger's PDC in 1999 identified himself as being a one third  
partner in GFD INC. – DFT along with Leroux and Rudersdorf . Presently GFD INC –  
DFT is comprised of Leroux, Rudersdorf and Walter Johnson (incumbent running for  
Sequim Board of Education).

I'm not even going to hint that there is cronyism in government here on the  
Peninsula, but even if there was, what government agency would be in a position to  
conduct a competent, unbiased inquiry into such matters

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