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The Southern Resident Killer Whales (our local orca pods) have been designated as an "endangered species" by the federal government. As such, all boaters – commercial and private – are prohibited from approaching the whales a distance of less than 100 yards.

National Marine Fisheries has proposed increasing the viewing distance to 200 yards. They have also proposed a **complete ban on boating activities** including non-motorized craft from May through September on the west side of San Juan Island. **This ban would apply even if whales are not present.**

San Juan Safaris believes:

- We should maintain a 100 yard buffer zone from the Southern Resident Killer Whales (orcas).
- There should be a ¼ mile "No Go Zone" on the west side of San Juan Island for motorized craft when whales are present.
- Commercial Whale Watching tours educate the public and encourage protection of the orcas.

I, as a whale enthusiast and orca lover, agree with the above statements and the San Juan Safaris position.

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