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Dear Council Members,

I am urging you NOT to adopt the Wharf Master Plan because:

1) A lifeguard station on the wharf is NOT conducive to saving lives in the ocean. A guard would have to leave the tower, losing track of the problem in the water, go back down to the wharf entrance to use the stairs, then go out onto the beach, unsure of where the distressful situation is occurring. How long would that take? That scenario would be totally irresponsible and time consuming. (Plus, any rescue vehicle would prove cumbersome and useless if it were on the wharf.) So, as a former lifeguard, knowing that time is of the essence, I formally request that you eliminate the lifeguard station on the wharf. They belong on the beach, close to the action.

2) Does the bait and tackle shop need to be two stories high? That would create a monstrous sized building, totally out of scale with the wharf, and block access to the other side, if attached to the restaurant. Please consider keeping the bait and tackle shop to one story, and providing access to the other side with a walkway between the two buildings.

3) Be sure that the proposed picnic tables are far enough away from the fishermen, so that their casting doesn't hit those seated at the tables. Ouch!

We have been enjoying the new wharf, and the views on both sides. Please don't approve making those new buildings overwhelming, and out of scale (and need) for the public.

Thank you for your consideration.
Terre Thomas, long time Capitola resident

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