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While population forecasts may be a required aspect of Growth Management Act compliance, from a planning and understanding of “where these islands are headed” standpoint a build out analysis of current land use regulations and any proposed changes is much, much more important.

A population forecast is a best guess about population at some point in time influenced by many things out of our control and changing in a largely unpredictable way.

Likely build out however is something we can and have regulated and can be calculated within a narrow range of assumptions. Maximum build out calculation needs no assumptions. It is what it is until we change it. The resident population resulting from maximum build out is subject to a number of variables, but the physical intervention of the build out is not, it is the physical manifestation of what we allow to happen here and that will largely determine the character of the islands at some point in time.

Please focus energy on an appropriate methodology and execution and presentation of a maximum build out analysis.

The time spent on population forecasting whether for full time residents, part time residents or visitors is less well spent.

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