



Update: Public Comments to Orcas Island Proposal for Limited Deer Hunting

The Land Bank received 84 comments in response to the proposal for allowing limited deer hunting on Turtleback Mountain and North Shore preserves. The pie chart provides an overview of the general opinions shared. Many commenters also raised questions and provided suggestions.

Public comments have also been coded by their general theme. Many responses included more than one theme, but the bar chart below only presents the 'primary' one mentioned. The major concern expressed related to the safety of hikers on Turtleback during the proposal's six-week allowance for hunting. Some neighboring property owners also expressed concerns about safety and the potential for trespassing. Individuals in support of the proposal most often listed acknowledgement of the ecological impacts of excessive browsing by deer and honoring tribal treaty rights.

