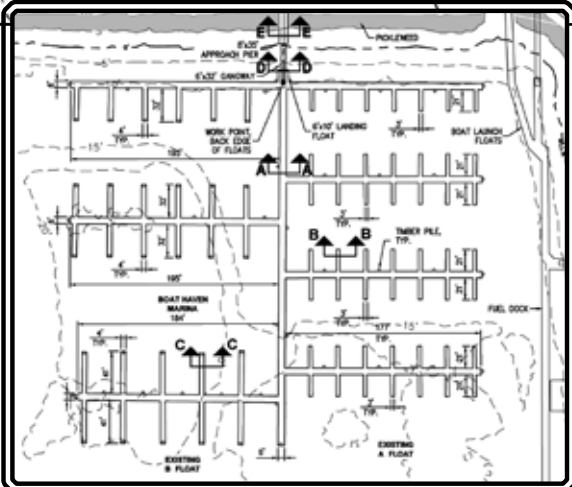
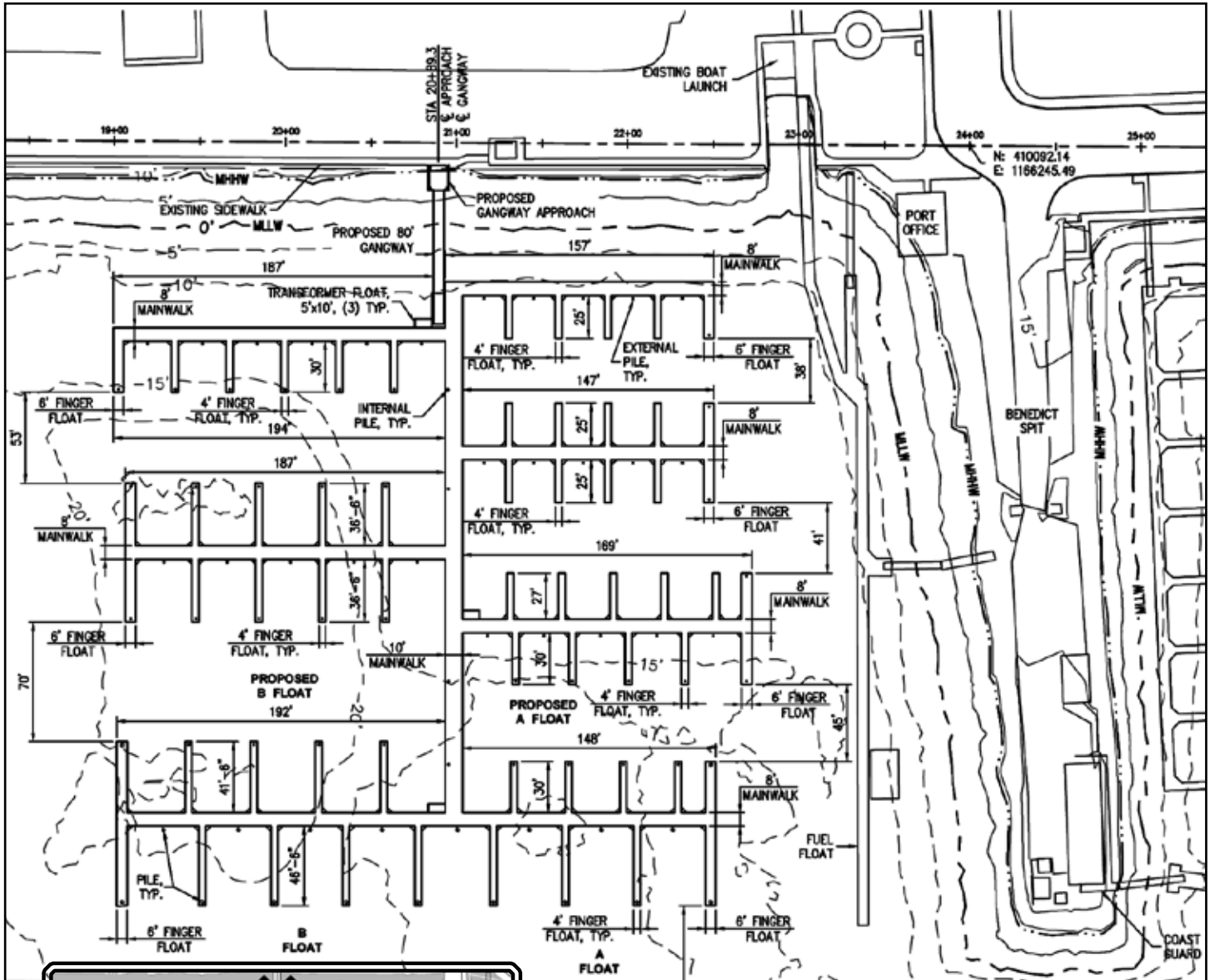


# Advancing the Conversation

*on the Replacement of Boat Haven's A/B Dock*  
 Construction Slated for Fall/Winter 2010-11



*Proposed A/B Dock plan (above)*

*Current A/B Dock layout (left)*

Back in 1966, when A/B Dock was brand new, no one could have guessed it would still be in use 45 years later. It's high time to fix that.

Permits to construct a new dock system (pictured above) are currently being sought. Starting in Sept. 2010, all structures associated with A/B Dock—the floats, piles, gangway, bulkhead and the approach pier—will be removed and replaced with new structures and upgraded services.

These will be much safer and more environmentally friendly than the 45-year-old ones that moorage tenants struggle with now. Out with the old, in with the new!

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## Advancing the Conversation on the Replacement of Boat Haven's A/B Dock

# Reconfiguring a 45-year-old moorage basin

### New Features

- *Wider fairways (the space between floats in which two boats are moored).*
- *Wider, more maneuverable walkways and gangways.*
- *Fully ADA-accessible.*
- *Complete fire-suppression system.*
- *50-amp electrical service for slips 40' and larger.*
- *Enlarged turning basin around fuel dock.*
- *Dedicated slip for U.S. Customs check-in.*
- *Dock space near boat launch for trailered boats to stay in the water overnight for a small fee.*

The A/B Dock system was constructed in 1965-66 to provide the first moorage in the new recreational basin at Boat Haven. Having outlasted its useful life, A/B Dock is beyond repair and overdue for replacement. Replacing it is a top priority for 2010-11.

To meet current environmental and ADA regulations, the new A/B Dock design incorporates 20% fewer slips (126 vs. 161) but more linear float space. For ease in permitting, the total float coverage remains the same, at about 15,000 s.f. The new docks are engineered for a lifespan of 25 years. The total project cost is estimated at ~\$5 million, funded by a Limited-Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bond.

The new design was largely shaped by a committee of stakeholders (see roster below), not by Port staff or by engineers. It is a design to address current community boating needs, right down to details like sizing 27' slips to accommodate Thunderbirds, a popular racing boat on Port Townsend Bay.

### Project Timeline

- Nov. 2007* Citizens Advisory Committee formed to draft new design
- June 2009* Final design approved by Port Commission
- PRESENT** Two of four required project permits in hand
- March 2010* Proposed \$5 million LTGO Bond issued; fabrication of replacement floats begins offsite
- Mid-Sept. 2010* Moorage tenants receive incentives to haul out or move boats to Point Hudson (after Wooden Boat Festival)
- Late Sept. 2010* In-water work begins
- Mid-Feb. 2011* Completion goal



The 45-year-old A/B Dock system has outlasted its useful life and replacing it is a top priority for 2010-11. The new dock system will be built in the same moorage area. The fuel dock at the right side of the aerial photo will remain unchanged.



### Environmental Upgrades

- *Overwater structure coverage reduced by 20%. Reduced shading benefits sea life.*
- *Polluting creosote-treated wooden piles replaced with steel piles.*
- *Styrofoam flotation encapsulated, so it can't degrade into the water.*

## A/B Dock Citizens Advisory Committee

Many thanks to these 11 Jefferson County volunteers who worked nearly two years on developing a new A/B Dock design:

**Mark Jochems** and **Leif Erickson** (marine trades reps), **Susan Moffat** (live-aboard rep), **Barbara Nightingale** (environmental rep), **Steve Tucker** (trailerable boat owner), **Chelcie Liu** (small boat owner), **Bob Steele** and **Lynn Watson** (Moorage Tenants Union reps), **Sandy Oen** (taxpayer at large), **Tike Hillman** (citizen at large) and **Keith Marzan** (alternate).



Committee Chair Tike Hillman of Tala Shore is retired from marine construction management and was the project manager when A/B Dock was constructed in 1965-66.

### For more info...

The complete permit document is available on the Port's website.

(Click on Strategic Planning, then on Port Planning Documents.)

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