

STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING NOTES

Recreational Users & Environmental Groups

June 10, 2008

General Notes:

Groups Represented:

- Recreational boaters
 - Port Townsend Salmon Club
 - Puget Sound Anglers
- Non-motorized transportation committee
- Friends of Kah Tai (Kah Tai 2012 coalition)
- Admiralty Audubon
- Make Waves

Kah Tai Issues:

- Preserve and protect the Port's 20-acre parcel at Kah Tai
- The city and port could consider a land swap to maintain it under city control, maintenance and protection
- The area should continue to be used for educational purposes
- The area is also of value as open space, which is important to the community and our quality of life
- The port parcel is a financially sustainable site for location of an aquatic center near the park and ride

Recreational Users Issues:

- Importance of maintaining and improving recreational angling at Port facilities
 - Need for second boat launch access at Boat Haven
 - Double ramp needed with dock in middle (move sidewalk)
 - There is a need for better signage and parking
 - A wash station is also desirable
 - Fishing derbies require adequate parking
 - The same issues are present at Quilcene
 - There is a need to maintain adequate moorage for smaller boats

Question: *Looking out 5 years how would you define success for the Port's strategic plan?*

- Improved non-motorized access through the Port
- Living wage jobs
- Responsible (sustainable) growth
- Maintain affordability of Port facilities
- Support of an affordable aquatic center
- Protect small boats from encroachment of large Seattle yachts
- Better marketing of Port facilities and services

Question: *What are the issues facing the Port over the next 5 years?*

- Internal growth—limited growth potential
- Environmental issues/stewardship
- Supporting educational boating and youth programs
- Transient vs. community needs
 - Bigger is not better
- Better land plan for Boat Haven
 - Signage, service direction and business directory
- Communication and customer service

Question: *What are other changes would you like to see in the next 5 years?*

- Dry slips for smaller boats
- Fish cleaning station
- Fishing dock and artificial reef
- Bird perches on train trestle or other docks