

Public Dock Committee Meeting
Sunday November 14, 2021 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom

PRESENT

Chris Immer (Chair), Mary Ross, Dave Perry, Nick Kluge, Alan Krum, Lane Coury. (Notes taken by Lane Coury.)

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- [Recording of the Nov 14 Zoom meeting](#) (recording starts at 6:30PM and is approx 90 mins)
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to [OurLummilsland.org](#) > Community > Committees & Research > Public Doc Committee)
- Committee document on Google docs (*check for an email invitation from Alan K*). This is a dynamic file that allows us to maintain a running dialog for internal committee discussion, capture suggestions and input from committee members, and helps us keep up with committee progress and task status.

AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

1. Review 11/10/21 LIFAC Meeting

Summarized key points from LIFAC meeting:

- Discussed Richie and his “Realities of Living on the Island” statement – reminding us that a new ferry does not automatically remove any possibility of unplanned ferry outages
- Alan says that LICA is working toward educating/reminding islanders about realities of living on, visiting, and doing business on a place that is served only by a ferry

Mary’s big takeaway from LIFAC meeting was that Public Works was very proud of their response in the last outage – and it was certainly commendable. However, the timelines they cited for return to service do not take into account the true extent of disruption.

For example, when there is a ferry outage, conditions do not return to normal immediately when the ferry is put back in service. Everyone who is stuck unexpectedly on the mainland must juggle schedules and figure out how to get their cars back. In fact, there is a cascading effect of demand on ferry capacity for up to 2 or 3 days, depending on when the outage occurs.

Suggested next steps, the committee should:

- Poll islanders to collect more accurate and realistic impact statements
- Work to document the REAL time line of service disruption.
- Consider recruiting service companies to help make a case for improved alternate access. Financial loss is real if your service techs are stuck on the island. Maybe we can’t get their vehicle back, but it is a realistic financial impact.

2. Removal of further consideration for using reef net boat as platform

Chris feels like this option has too many limitations and is beyond the scope of this LICA advisory committee.

Committee Action and Decision: Agreed.

The committee will still be a helpful clearinghouse for researching resources available, including alternatives for urgent access. For example, Mary researched options and collected some quotes from other passenger ferries/water taxis. Also a motorized barge that could bring vehicles.

3. Next steps in proposing a public dock

Discussed conversations with Terri Terry at Whatcom County Parks and Recreation regarding scope of this committee's roles and responsibilities. ([You can access a summary of these conversations here.](#))

We need to define our vision of the permanent public dock

Target - Provide DRAFT documentation to Parks and Rec, hopefully by the end of January

Task Assigned (Lane) – for meeting on 11/21, Lane can provide a rough rough draft of what we have and do not have for the [Get 'er Done](#) outline. Use PowerPoint for easy way to set out an outline that can be modified easily. Include

- *Who are we?* Look at the Reasons statement
- *Who do we represent?* If we conduct a poll: who, where do they live, how impacted by ferry outage
- *What will this look like?* Start with Sinclair Island dock presentation ([access document from this link](#)) and assume that these kind of engineering diagrams would work with us.

Task Assigned (Alan): Talk with Ed Lowe (photographer) to assist with photos of Lummi Island proposed site. Thoughts:

- Take a good overhead view at low tide
- Alan could overlay sketches on those photo
- Nick can also help – has done 3D CAD work to overlay drawings on photos
- Chris I also suggests Mike G, new firefighter, who might be able to help.

Task Assigned (Mary, Lane, and Alan, others as available): Research other island solutions with goal of collecting design options and preferably photographs we can use in our presentation.

Goal – provide some illustrated dock designs as simple presentation/suggestions:

- Straight, straight with left or right leg, T-shape
- Preference based on cost: A. Dock is able to be in the water all year, but is raised out of the water when not in use. B. ...

4. Coordination of response to an unplanned ferry outage

Update on committee discussion from 11/1/21 when we discussed developing a framework for responding to an unplanned ferry outage.

Task Assigned (Lane): will send email to all members of the committee soliciting feedback on a very rough outline. Refer to Google docs section on *DRAFT Outline of Stages for Response to Ferry Outage*.

Task Assigned (Chris Immer): add agenda item for a LIFD Commissioners meeting to discuss coordination of response to ferry outage.

5. Committee meeting format

Discussed scheduling meetings that combine in person and Zoom attendees.

Members expressed no strong preference for meeting in person versus the convenience of Zoom. Especially like recording Zoom meetings for playback.

Committee Action and Decision: Will continue via Zoom until this status changes.