

Public Dock Committee Meeting
Sunday March 20, 2022 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom

PRESENT

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

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- **Town Meeting (Feb 6, 2022)** – The 90 minute meeting was recorded and available for replay (check OurLummiIsland.org > PDAC webpage > Public / Town Hall Meetings list).
- [Look at this page](#) to find links to recordings of the Zoom PDAC committee meetings.
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to OurLummiIsland.org > Community > Committees & Research > Public Dock Committee)
- **Shoreline Master Program Handbook** - [has good definitions and very clear guidelines in Chapter 12](#) - “Piers, Docks, and Overwater Structures”

ACTIONS SUGGESTED (most recent first)

- **March and April** – one next great challenge will be building public consensus about the dock and its design. We should all start researching guides and project examples. Here are two docs: (1) [Recreation and Conservation Office Planning Manual > Element 3: Public Involvement \(pages 10-11\)](#) (2) [Birch Bay Community Park – Public Involvement Statement \(pages 1-2 and 8-11\)](#).
- **February** – Check the community website for the [Discussion area on the public dock](#). You need to be logged in to see or respond to posts.
- **January** – Review contents of the committee document on Google docs. In prep for committee presentations, look through and make sure we have not missed any good ideas.

AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

1. Discussed responses to islander initial opinion survey.

Updated numbers for the committee (from website plus 35 responses from the Islander and none from the library):

Responses = 194

Yes Responses = 183

Percent In Favor = 94%

% Of Population Responded = 19%

ACTION (Lane): Will create a PDF with comments but **without** any identifying data. Will put the file on Google drive and send the committee members a link to download the most current version. We can provide that file to community site next week.

Discussed responses to concerns in comments raised so far. Suggestion that we set up a page on OurLummiIsland.org with FAQs so that we collect all responses in one place.

ACTION (Lane): Start a draft version to share with committee on 3/27/22 for discussion.

2. *Debrief of March 17th Parks & Recreation presentation.*

Dave thoughts on the Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Open Space Plan (CPROSP):

Dave researched. This is first step to being included in RCO. It is a **6 year scope** and if it is closed now, do we need to wait for 6 more years?

At the end of the meeting it appeared that most of the Commissioners were in favor of putting our project on the CPROSP which is essential to be considered for RCO Grants. How is this formally done? What is the timeline?

ANSWER: This Plan is updated every 6 years and an update was due in January 2022 with the 2016 Plan expiring in February.

Find out for PDAC: Has the Plan already been reviewed and approved by the RCO? If so do we have to wait 6 years to be added? Can projects be added to the Plan after RCO approval?

Lummi Island is called out several times on the present plan. Can we ride that? [See this document summarizing key references to Lummi Island.](#)

RCO Grants require that a public entity file grant applications. What are our options if WCP&R does not support the project?

There was a poll, but it has been closed by now.

Also check [Recreational Boating Plan](#) which is the **Washington State** Recreation and Conservation Plan for long term. Here is the [Executive Summary](#) to review key points.

The Recreational Boating plan contains an extensive set of data to help quantify the importance of boating to the recreational economy.

Terry Terry feedback sent to Chris Immer

Overall commissioners recognized merit of our proposal and know there are many challenges.

Next 3 steps for PDAC:

1. Ask Jon Hutchings to meet with Mike MacFarlane.
2. Committee request a meeting with County Executive Satpal Singh Sidhu.
Send an email with presentation attached.
Tell him that we have gotten started and refer to Mike M and T Terry.
Mary suggests that we ask to include LIFD in this discussion.
3. Schedule island tour for the commissioners.

Greg Hall tips for future presentations:

Convey the vision. Convey THEIR benefit to the vision.

Here's our suggestions ... probably move the barriers up to an earlier point in the presentation.

First meeting is with the gatekeepers

LICA had a meeting 3-years ago with the Port of Bellingham commissioners and brought up the fact that there was no public dock on Lummi Island.

Mary feedback:

Next time, focus on the emergency response as ONE aspect but not the main one *unless* we are talking to emergency service.

* Tailor the presentation for the audience

If it is for Public Works – focus on them. Provide an appendix for ancillary information that is not their primary interest.

3. *Confirmed schedule for presentations, meetings, and public interactions.*

- a) **Ferry Impact Survey – (active)** launched on OurLummiland.org website.
For islanders, copy and paste this text exactly: gotoit.at/pdc-01a
For off-island visitors or businesses, copy and paste this text exactly: gotoit.at/pdc-01b
- b) **LIFAC – (complete)** Wednesday, Jan 12th.
- c) **Tome – (complete)** Thursday, Jan 13th. Mary submitted the article. Tome was distributed electronically the second week of January. Text to Alan for NextDoor via LICA account. Chris will post to Facebook.
- d) **Community website – (complete)** Jan 15th. Post article and some pictures.
- e) **LICA – (complete)** Wednesday, Jan 26th. Approx 20 mins for presentation via Zoom.
- f) **Public announcements – (complete)** end of Jan, approx 10 days before public meeting
 1. Use OurLummiland.org, NextDoor, and Facebook.
 2. Post an announcement on the public bulletin board at ferry terminal.
 3. Make up a flyer to post at the Islander, at library, and post office.
 4. Consider using Islander electronic sign (out of service as of early March).
- g) **Town Meeting – (complete) Feb 6th**. The 90 minute meeting was recorded and available for replay (check OurLummiland.org > PDAC webpage > Public / Town Hall Meetings list).
- h) **Initial Public Dock Survey for islanders – March (complete)**, encouraging response by 3/15/22
- i) **Parks & Recreation presentation – 3/17/2022 (complete)**
- j) **Public Dock Survey for commercial – (discuss again after Parks & Rec meeting).**
- k) Send email to County Executive Satpal and schedule a meeting.
- l) Coordinate a meeting with committee, LIFD, DPW, and Parks & Rec.
- m) Coordinate an island tour for Parks & Rec commissioners and staff.
- n) Consider - Could we reel in Washington State Senator Cantwell? She co-sponsored the Sports Fish Fund renewal.

4. Prepare FAQs for community website based on questions raised during initial survey. *Future – capture the input from the Outage Impact Survey.*

ACTION (Alan and Mary) – figure out the best way to post and share these stories without names or identifying data. The feedback we have collected is very compelling and we need to find ways to build on these experiences.