

## Lummi Island Public Dock Advisory Committee



Public  
Dock  
Advisory  
Committee

### Opportunity for LICA to Apply for a Recreation Planning Grant

Prepared by the  
Public Dock Advisory Committee (PDAC)  
sponsored by the  
Lummi Island Community Association (LICA)

Before we begin, we acknowledge that we live on the traditional and unceded territory of the Lummi People and Nooksack People who have cared for and tended this land since time immemorial.

#### **Lhaq'temish Land Acknowledgement**

*We, the Lummi Island Public Dock Advisory Committee, acknowledge we are residing on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Lummi People. The Lummi People are the original inhabitants of Washington's northernmost coast and southern British Columbia.*

*They lived in villages throughout this territory and continue to have an ongoing relationship with these areas. Since Time Immemorial they have celebrated life on their land, water ways and on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of their People to perpetuate their way of life.*

*Please join us in taking a moment of silence as we honor their ancestors and as we acknowledge the past, present and future Lummi People as the original inhabitants of this land.*

THE LANGUAGE IN OUR STATEMENT IS USED RESPECTFULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LUMMI INDIAN BUSINESS COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT FOR THE LHAQ'TEMISH PEOPLE, ADOPTED IN JUNE 2021.

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### WHAT IS THE LUMMI ISLAND PUBLIC DOCK ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

In September 2021, citizens asked the LICA Board to form an advisory committee to investigate and produce a plan to address the lack of safe, accessible boat access during a ferry outage.

The LICA Board agreed to sponsor a new Public Dock Advisory Committee.

Since our kick off in September 2021, five to six active members of the committee have met regularly via Zoom to evaluate the current situation and investigate workable solutions.

All minutes, meeting recordings, and presentations are posted on our public website and shared with the community.

*Interested in more details? Refer to the committee webpage for presentations, resource documents, frequently-asked questions (FAQs), and meeting notes and recordings:*

1. Go to [LICA.US](https://www.lummiisland.org) (also known as [OurLummiIsland.org](https://www.ourlummiisland.org)).
2. Expand the menu and select the **Committees ...** option.
3. Select **LI Advisory, Public Dock** and browse through the resources.

## Project Long Term Goals



### Establish a public dock on Lummi Island to:

- ❖ Expand community opportunities for recreational boating
- ❖ Enhance public access to waterfront activities
- ❖ Provide safe access for boaters with limited mobility
- ❖ Offer safe boat access for people with urgent need to get on and off island during ferry outages
- ❖ Support alternatives for evacuation via boat

The committee strongly suggests a public dock which is **NOT** a marina. No overnight stays would be allowed except in an emergency when safe harbor is needed.

## Proposed Site – Parks & Recreation Property



Lummi Island Beach Access existing platform with stairs to beach

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The park was acquired by Parks & Recreation in 1979 and includes 125 feet of waterfront. The current platform at the Lummi Island Beach Access was built in 1994. Improvements to the site and upgraded stairs were completed in 2020-2021.

The committee considered a variety of possible access points, but none seem to be good solutions for urgent access.

*Interested in more details? Refer to the committee frequently-asked questions (FAQs) for discussion on alternate sites.*

## Committee Actions in 2022



- ❖ **March 2022:** Presented overview to Whatcom County Parks & Recreation commissioners
- ❖ **Summer 2022:** Hosted booths at public events to get the word out
- ❖ **August 2022:** County Executive Satpal Sidhu reviewed presentation
- ❖ **September 2022:** Sent presentation to Parks & Rec Exec Director Knox and to Whatcom County Deputy Executive Schroeder
- ❖ **October 2022:** Exploring steps to include a public dock as a desired project in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

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On March 17, 2022, the committee introduced the public dock project to the Whatcom County Parks & Recreation commissioners.

We were able to share our findings and begin to ask the question: *How can we work with the Parks & Recreation Department to move forward?*

At the suggestion of the commissioners, the committee forwarded the presentation to Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu.

County Executive Sidhu asked the committee to send the presentation to the newly-hired Parks & Recreation Executive Director, Bennett Knox and to Whatcom County Deputy Executive Tyler Schroeder.

Now in October, the committee is planning to host a visit to the island by Bennett Knox so that he can learn more about our community.

We are also investigating the best path to add the desire for a public dock to the county's comprehensive plan.

## GOAL: Increase Public Involvement

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### **Build an understanding of public dock pros and cons and address community concerns**

#### Planned next steps:

- ❖ Increase outreach and collect diverse opinions
- ❖ Host meetings to exchange ideas and solutions
- ❖ Develop draft design options for public discussion
- ❖ Begin to draft preliminary budgets for alternatives

New Grant Opportunity 

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**Planning for Recreation Access**  
<https://rco.wa.gov/grant/plan-rec-access>

Grant funding could cover costs to:

- ❖ Engage the community and facilitate workshops to collect input on design alternatives
- ❖ Conduct feasibility studies and environmental assessments
- ❖ Develop construction drawings and preliminary budgets

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The Washington State Legislature created the **Planning for Recreation Access** program to fund planning projects. The cycle opened on Oct 14 and the application is due on Nov 14.

This program focuses on small rural communities and those that are less experienced with the grant process. This is a streamlined, simplified grant process to get communities started.

The committee asked LICA as a non-profit (501c3) to apply for the grant. If awarded, LICA would then manage the grant. The LICA Board agreed and the committee is working on the application.

No matching funds are involved and there is no direct cost to Lummi Island for the grant.

*If there are any island residents who would like to help us work on the grant application, you would be greatly appreciated! Please contact one of the grant subcommittee members:*

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