



Lummi Island Community Association

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Bennett Knox, Executive Director
Whatcom Parks and Recreation Department
3373 Mount Baker Highway
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Dear Bennett – June Greetings from Lummi Island!

We have a welcome update to share regarding our application for the 2022 RCO Planning for Recreational Access grant.

The state legislature voted to add an additional \$5M to support more of the projects and our application for the Lummi Island Recreational Pier and Public Dock has been funded. You can access final documents for our grant application: [cover letter with project description](#); [letter of intent](#); [location map](#), and [budget summary](#).

The Public Dock Advisory Committee is working hard now to review all of the grant materials, requirements, and guidelines in preparation for a kick-off starting in July. We have until October 2024 to complete our deliverables. We expect these will include items such as conceptual designs, cost estimates, the cultural resources survey, and environmental analysis such as the eelgrass assessment, etc.

The committee would like to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting with you and any relevant staff as soon as we can fit onto your schedule between now and the end of June. This would give us a chance to discuss actions such as:

1. Agree upon a description we can share that accurately formalizes the relationship between the Lummi Island Community Association (LICA) and Parks & Rec regarding this dock study.
2. Decide how to phrase the role of Parks & Recreation as owners of the property and clarify the role of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
3. Consider issuing a joint press release to get the word out in a consistent way.
4. Start outlining the expectations from Parks & Rec for LICA to keep you up to date on progress and maintain alignment with your goals and priorities.
5. Obtain some guidance and advice for this first phase of kicking of the grant successfully with RCO.
6. Begin discussing parking for Beach Access as well as pedestrian safety and neighbor property signage.

Could you let us know about your availability to meet?

Sincerely,

Lane Davis-Coury and Mary Ross

On behalf of LICA's Public Dock Advisory Committee