



Lummi Island Community Association

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Sonja Max, Chair
Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Commission
3373 Mount Baker Highway
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Dear Sonja – Sending June Greetings from Lummi Island.

First, we wanted to acknowledge our mutual loss in a great and fearless champion, Terry Terry. We know how much we will miss her on Lummi Island and imagine that the Commission is deeply saddened to lose such a successful community advocate.

As one of her last gifts to Lummi Island, Terry played a major part in encouraging us to pursue the Lummi Island Community Association (LICA) application for a 2022 RCO Planning for Recreational Access grant.

While we were rated highly, we were not funded in the first round. After a successful letter campaign, the state legislature voted to add an additional \$5M to support more of the projects.

Now our application for pre-planning 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 results of community outreach and surveys, the cultural resources survey, environmental analysis such as the eelgrass assessment, conceptual designs, cost estimates.

The committee has requested a meeting with Bennett Knox and staff. We want to make sure that we have an accurate understanding of the relationship between LICA and Parks & Rec regarding this dock study. A strategic project kick-off will help get us off to a good start.

We would like to make a 5 to 10 minute presentation to the Commission at the June 15 meeting in Point Roberts to share the news and update the Commissioners. As handouts, we can provide the application materials for review. Please let us know if this would be possible.

We also wanted to confirm the Commission's support for including a public dock as a community desire in the update of the *2016 Whatcom County Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan*.

Sincerely,

Lane Davis-Coury and Mary Ross

LICA and its Public Dock Advisory Committee