

Opportunities for Restoration and Water Access on Bellingham Bay

January 22, 2004 8:30 – 4:30
Harbor Center Building, 1801 Roeder Avenue

Workshop Agenda

8:30 to 9:40 - Welcome & Orientation

Patricia Decker, Waterfront Futures Project Director (8:30 - 8:50)

- Welcome and introductions of all participants
- Workshop Goals/Objectives/Expected Outcomes - **Handout #1**
- Relationship to Bay Pilot & to Waterfront Futures Project - **Handout #2**
- How material will be used, overall timeframe, other comment opportunities.

Brian (8:50 - 9:00)

Present Bay Pilot Habitat Restoration/Protection Objectives and map of Pilot priority sites (Anchor's map).

Patricia, John and Jim (9 - 9:10)

Present mapped data, incl. GIS maps, air photos (includes maps for each group and general Reference Maps) - **Handout #3**

John S. and Jim (9:10 - 9:30)

Present examples of B'ham and Puget Sound projects that combine habitat and public access (6 examples)

Patricia (9:30 - 9:40)

- Present agenda & necessities (phones, bathrooms, breaks, food)
- Present instructions/groundrules/deliverables shoreline segment groups - **Handout #4**

9:40 to 11:30 - Project Opportunities and Concepts

Group Work: Beginning with Opportunities and Concepts:

Goal is to have written and graphic ideas by 11:30, on flip charts and tracing paper. Patricia, try to encourage each group to record ideas, draw ideas, and keep moving. Try to avoid long debates, so that ideas keep flowing.

Lunch Break - Lunch provided on site. If Groups want to work through lunch (eat and work) that is up to them, just need to be back working at 12:15.

12:15 to 1:00 - Continue to develop Project Concepts

1:00 to 2:00 - Project Constraints, Prioritization and Implementation

Identify constraints and barriers, rationale for prioritizations, implementation guidelines

Break

2:15-4:15 - Group Presentation and Discussion

(add groundrules to Handout #4)

2:15 to 4:15 - Group presentation and discussion.

Groundrules: 15 mins. To present, 15mins. For questions, and comments. For presenting include:
Concepts/opportunities (habitat and public access-what is the concept connected to)
Rationale for prioritization
Barriers/Implementation guidelines.

4:30 - Workshop adjourns.

Let people know what will come of this, and what they'll get to review in draft form, and when.
Thank them for participating.

Workshop Purpose and Process

Develop concepts and priorities for nearshore habitat and public access projects and guidelines for implementation. The day will be used to:

- Identify waterfront area project opportunities for
 - beach shore rehabilitation,
 - habitat enhancement and connectivity (near-shore and upland)
 - public access to water and waterfront areas and
 - landscape connections and corridors
- List contributing factors used in identifying opportunity areas and sites.
- Identify conditions and site characteristics that may influence project timing.

Context and Focus Area

Bellingham Bay waterfront, including related estuaries and the Waterfront Futures Project planning area provides the context. Work will focus on the area between Little Squalicum Creek and Post Point.

Participants

Workshop Facilitator: Patricia Decker, Waterfront Futures Project Director

State and local representatives: Brian Williams, State Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; Barry Wenger, State Dept. of Ecology; Chad Unland, State Dept. of Natural Resources; Mike Stoner, Port of Bellingham; Steve Sundin, City of Bellingham (COB); Clare Fogelsong, COB; Tim Wahl, Bellingham, COB; Allen Chapman, Lummi Nation; Chip Hilarides, Georgia Pacific; Wendy Steffenson, North Sound Baykeeper, RE Sources; Jim Johannessen, Coastal Geologic Services, Inc.; Chris Fairbanks, Fairbanks Environmental Services, Inc.

Waterfront Futures Group representatives: Art Anderson, Lydia Bennett, John Blethen, Jay Bornstein, Chris Morgan.