

#	Date Rec'd	Subject	Citizen/ Group	Citizen Comments on New Whatcom Waterfront Planning – September 2006
<i>Last Update 8/10/2006</i>				<i>Citizen comments received from citizens submitting comment to the Port and City and through the New Whatcom website through September, 2006. Prior month comments can be viewed on the website in separate monthly documents.</i>
251	9/28/06	Dry storage	Robert Kelly" <bobchryl@bigfoot.com >	<p>The latest published masterplan wipes out Hilton Harbor, the only dry storage facility for about 100 boats. The building shown near the new launch ramps can be for dry storage but there is no provision for a travel-lift or method for launching dry stored boats. Many, like me have 6,000 lb. 24 ft. boats without trailers that we dry store. I could not wait 24 months for a slip and I can not at my age handle a 6,000 lb. boat on a trailer.</p> <p>You have three (count them) kayak launching spots. Kayaks do not pay taxes. Boats do. Cities like Everett, LaConner and Anacortes all have dry storage with travel-lift launching. Talk to some boaters. Everybody wants parks. Parks don't generate revenue. Boats and boat owners do. Please re-think some of your ideas.</p>
250	9/27/06	Moving marina entrance	Michael Lilliquist" <lilliquist@comcast.net >	<p>It seems to me that one of the commonly-held goals of the people of Bellingham is to restore and improve the Whatcom Creek waterway, to return it to a state of natural vitality. To this end, it would only be wise for the redevelopment plans to seek to minimize the impact of any new marina and boat traffic.</p> <p>One easy and effective way to do this is to modify the latest redevelopment plan to move the entrance to the proposed marina from the southern corner of the lagoon to the western corner, so that it would face away from the Whatcom Creek waterway and towards the existing marina. It seems to me that breaching the retaining wall would be much the same regardless of location, so cost should not be an issue. What could be better than obtaining a significant environmental benefit at virtually no extra cost?</p> <p>I would appreciate a response to my suggestion, from the appropriate person(s) in the planning departments of the City and Port. Thank you.</p>
249	9/16/06	Web updates	Annie Naismith" <sailcoast@earthlink.net	<p>Hello. It's September. We seem to be getting a little behind with the comments and the schedule. I know there are meetings going on. Can we update the websites (both Port of Bellingham and the City)? Lots of us get our information from the internet. Thanks.</p> <p><u>Response:</u> Annie - the support person in charge of updating the website and comments has left for a new job. We are still working on who will be taking on her duties. I hope to have everything updated very soon. Thanks for noticing!</p> <p>Nicole Oliver Communication Coordinator</p>

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248	8/28/06	Marina availability	Ron Hand" <rhanda11250@sbcglobal.net	I'm interested in availability in the new marina and residential development in the project area. Also, is there a timeline when the new marina (docking space) and/or residences (condos-marina village) are expected to be available for lease or purchase. Are you contemplating taking reservations (deposits) for either or both? Ron