

#	Date Rec'd	Subject	Citizen/ Group	<b>Citizen Comments on New Whatcom Waterfront Planning – February 2007</b>
<i>Last Update</i> <i>1/31/2007</i>				<i>Citizen comments received from citizens submitting comment to the Port and City and through the New Whatcom website through February 2007. Prior month comments can be viewed on the website in separate monthly documents.</i>
269	2/1/07	Multi-purpose Community Hall	“Marcia Robey” <skirobey@comcast.net>	Bellingham is in need of a large, multi-purpose community hall; not a gym, but a hall that can be partitioned for classes or opened for music, dance and speakers. Please give this idea consideration for long term planning.
270	2/21/07	Setbacks/ Buffers	‘John D Onofrio’ <jdonofrio@nwcomputer.us>	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>After review, I really feel that the setback/buffer proposals that have recently been put forward (25'!) are completely insufficient and a contradiction with what has been proposed by the city and port thus far.</p> <p>Another thing that really caught my eye was the exception language (Except where there is an existing pier, wharf, sheet pile or other vertical in-water structure – the 25' buffer does not apply. Replacement of said structures for a permitted use would not trigger the 25-foot buffer requirement).</p> <p>This really concerns me, as it seems to eviscerate even the minimal buffer distances put forward in the document and render them irrelevant.</p> <p>Please address this oversight and close what is clearly a huge loophole.</p> <p>Thank you</p>