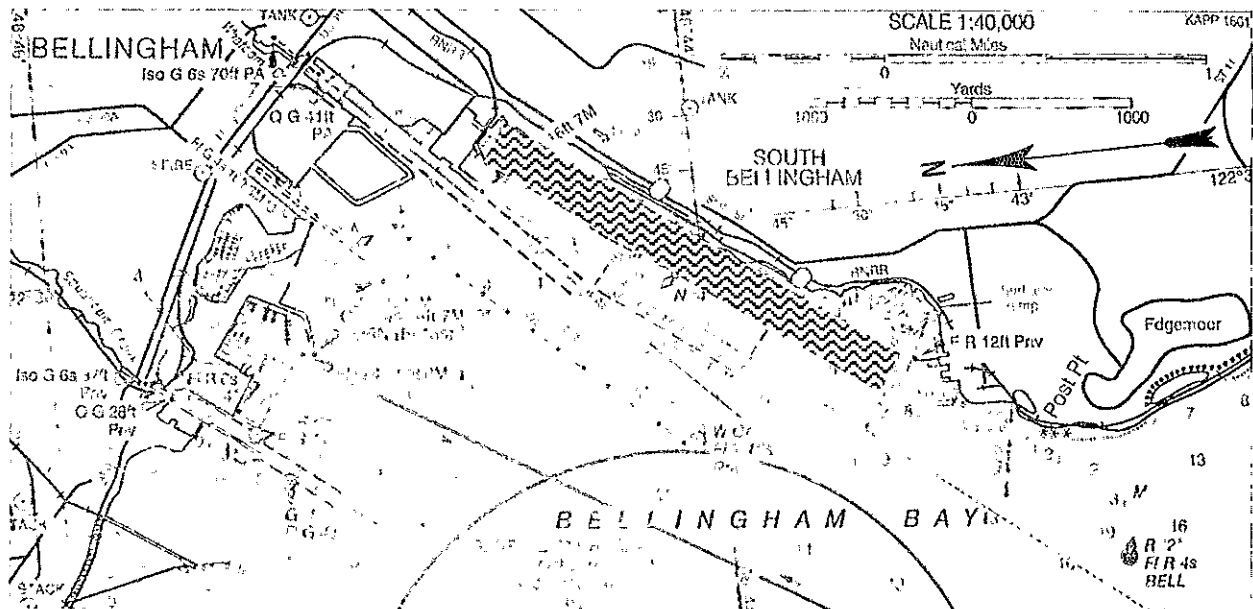


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TO: Waterfront Futures Group
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SUBJECT: **Water Jogging Trail**

Concept of waterside dock suitable for human powered craft such as rowing shells, canoes and kayaks. Facility should include low freeboard boarding floats for such watercraft, shoreside, covered lockable storage, lockers (for oars/paddles/pfd's) and bike racks. Fees from such storage could offset operational costs?



Launching site and proposed "operational area" would not conflict with powered watercraft exiting Squilicum Harbor or trailer-boat launching at the Fairhaven ramp. Usage would be parallel to Boulevard Park, extending to Fairhaven. An alternate launch site and/or destination could be the Wayland Marine, Ltd rowing dock on the Padden Creek Lagoon. This dock, located on Port of Bellingham property, has all required permits and could be turned over to the same "operational authority".

This is the most sheltered area in Bellingham Bay with Post Point affording reasonable protection from SE, SW and E winds. Powered watercraft generally stay out of this area (except for some fishing) due to Starr Rock and other inshore hazards. It is a very pleasant small watercraft area due to its proximity to Boulevard Park with its shoreside jogging trails and opportunities for waterfowl, eagle and marine wildlife encounters.

Countless residents, visiting my shop since 1990, have asked for such a facility for both enabling and sharing their human powered watercraft interests.