

Additional Public Comment on the WFG Framework Plan and Action Plan

RE: Protect our quality of life in Bellingham
September 2, 2004

Margret Stewart Milici

Imagine our future waterfront: we think the best of the waterfront can be seen from afar. Please no more large squat forms like the Bellwether complex which cut off our views. There is nothing better than a sweeping view of the bay – keeping as much light and openness as possible. Please protect the quality of life for those of us who live here, year round. Thanks Maggie and Ken Milici

RE: Plan response from Lummi Nation
September 16, 2004

Alan Chapman, Lummi Nation, Natural Resources

► **See Attachment L (pages)**

Summary: The Lummi Nation wishes to be partners in consultation on future waterfront development especially when it addresses issues surrounding sacred sites, fishing grounds, and signing place names. They have diverse interests in the Bellingham Bay area. Several issues pertaining to environmental cleanup and habitat are mentioned in Mr. Jefferson's letter. They would like to see more prioritizing of recommended actions and evaluated as to cost and future benefit. They question whether another level of bureaucracy is warranted and wish for the Port and City to coordinate implementation of the Vision.

RE: Key thoughts
September 28, 2004

Ralph Thacker

Attachment M (1 page)

Summary: Expand the scope to include bay areas in Whatcom County; Add more emotional content to the slogan, "Connecting Bellingham with the Bay"; Encourage neighborhoods to work together to implement WFG recommendations; Consider a multi-cultural facility in Fairhaven as a magnet for residents and visitors to explore Bellingham's rich cultural heritage and residents; Create an all-weather gathering place on or near the waterfront.

RE: Waterfront Plans need to acknowledge and address industrial uses on the waterfront
September 28, 2004

Peter Willing

Attachment N (1 page)

Summary: Industrial uses create noise and traffic which negatively impact neighboring residential areas. He shares his concern that new neighborhoods on a co-mingled industrial/residential waterfront will not work. He advocates for limits on hours of operation of industry to mitigate noise issues and asks that a public process be established to review proper uses of Whatcom Waterway.

RE: Environmental sustainability should be a priority on Bellingham Bay.
September 1, 2004

Eileen Herring

Attachment O

Summary: She is concerned that the "Tailor environmental strategies and remediation to planned use" will be used to do the minimum cleanup necessary for the short-term. She would like Bellingham to encourage more eco-tourism and a tie-in with the regional Marine Trail system for human-powered crafts. She wants to see Padden Lagoon protected and enhanced and feels that

the WFG should expand recommended park space on the waterfront more. She makes some specific remarks to these suggestions which can be found in her white paper.

**RE: The R/UDAT committee's comments on the Waterfront Framework Plan
September 15 2004**

**Jim Zervas, Dave Christensen, Bob Ross, Terry Moore – Bellingham R/UDAT
Attachment P**

Summary: They commend the work of the WFG and were pleased that the R/UDAT-DAT workshop was helpful in producing the plan. They offer their continued assistance in future planning. They believe the next phase should further explore enhancing connections between the CBD and the G-P site and addressing retail, office and residential planning there. They would like to see an expansion of the Plan to include more specific statement of requirements for the next planning phase including densities, uses, floor area ratios, public facilities, open space locations, and design review process.

**RE: Whatcom County MRC's comments on the Framework Plan and Action Plan
September 23, 2004**

**Michelle Evans, Whatcom County MRC
Attachment Q**

Summary: The MRC acknowledges the work the WFG did to include specific habitat and restoration projects in their plan – projects which the MRC supports. They share a concern that stormwater isn't a resource unless it's cleaned. They offer their future assistance in planning and discussions addressing priorities and concerns.