

Lynden Christian High School

Handout 4/4/03

Mr. La Fleur

10th grade Biology class

I think that they should open up the bay. Since alot of the factories are on the beach and obstruct the view + a lot of them are going out of business. They should take the land + convert it into a boardwalk/ Pike's place market. w/ a boardwalk they have access to the beach + also have entertainment for the area, so it would be more animal/nature friendly,

- Boardwalk w/ shops & restaurants
- Open places to fish
- Parks, family areas
- Aquarium

It would be beneficial to have a "Pike's Place Market" set-up. It would help to boost local business, and it would draw people to the area. It would also be nice to have a trail along a section of the coast where people could walk, run, and ride bike.

I think that A boardwalk could prove itself to be very beneficial to Bellingham and surrounding areas. I also think a market such as Pike place market would show itself to be very useful

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Mr. Laffeur
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One of the most beneficial things that could be done is to construct a market similar to Pike's Place market in Seattle. Near the I-5 Waterway, fisherman docks that could have access to the market which could be built by the aerated stabilization Basin. Not only would fish be sold here, but trade in small shops could occur. What is not taken up by the new market could be made into natural beach and a park. Inside the Whatcom Creek Waterway, industry could be avoided on the North shore. Eventually, the Whatcom Creek Waterway could become a natural area for marine life. Salmon would feel more comfortable with the Whatcom Creek. Also, damming the Nooksack River is ridiculous because there are so many other ways to energy. The Nooksack is already harmed enough.

I think that the water front of Bellingham should be preserved, and used for significantly less business. I think that the idea of separating areas for industry and preservation is not very realistic. If you want to attract fish and tourism in one area, you can not have contaminated areas that will float into the other areas. However, I know that industries need access to shipping. I think a type of transportation specifically for industry shipping should be created. That way the water front can be preserved too.

Amy Worden
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I would like to see some type of ~~the~~ fishing area. Right now so much of the coastline is polluted & off limits to recreational fishing & commercial fishing. I also think that the ~~brick~~ brick & cement that has been left or dumped along the coast should be taken care of. Industry should be only in a designated area instead of the patchy mess that there is now.

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I really don't know a whole lot about the Bellingham Bay situation. I rarely go to Bellingham, and when I do, I don't go down to the water. From what I do know, it sounds like they need an industrial environment. The idea of having a Pike's Place Market or an aquarium I think would bring in people who would spend their money. Then everybody's happy.

Amber Lemay
10-6
Biology

I believe the city of Bellingham needs to make bike/walk/hiking trails leading to the ocean and also make a small play area for children with picnic tables and so on or if you would like it to be more industrial one could set up several small shops like fish markets or restaurants on the ocean. I believe this would spark interest in the ocean.

Bellingham Shoreline

Jason Kool

- Make a large portion accessible to the public LCS w/ picnic tables, fire pits, etc.
- separate the "beach" from some shops (small ones) w/ a bike trail or walkway.
- More ferrie access to Lummi Island and other islands.

The future of Bellingham is in the future and in these present days we have the power to build and manipulate time how we see fit. To the question raised, I believe that while protecting or bringing back the natural environment, we must continue on the furthering of business. The economy changes daily, and while the senses of comfort and recreation seem important to us, the economy is more important. Take a little of the bay and protect it and revitalize it, but with the rest do what is needed to increase the Bellingham economy.

10th Grade Student LC

I grew up in Bellingham and have spent a great deal of that time by the waterfront, Boating, walking, etc. I think that Seattle has a great feature going for them, that is Pike place market. I think that we should come up with a bunch of markets, like young states, local merchants etc. You could even put a maritime museum.

Another Idea is to put a beach. A nice sandy beach like in Simiama.

A place for people to come and light a bon fire, roast marsh mellow, and camp.

Thank you for letting me put my opinion in.

~ Lynden Christian Student

I think that we should keep as much as possible of it natural. We must keep the necessary stores, but some we could move farther inland. Stores that do not benefit or depend on the shoreline, should be relocated. Also I think it would be good to put in more public transportation, so people could see the water + its beauty. Right now Bellingham does seem like an ocean city. Thanks for reading this, I hope whatever you do, it benefits God + his creation.

Student of LCHS

I think they should bring back more natural parts of Bellingham. It would greatly benefit our culture & economy to have more access to the waterfront & have more beach to spread across Bellingham's coast. I hope to see less buildings that don't need the water to get out of the way for businesses that would benefit the whole Bellingham Bay.

Lynden Christian School
10th Grade Student

- There should be a big salmon restoration project, with salmon protection places. No drainage to the area. Good estuaries.
- Call up Six Flags and put in a very nice theme park on the beach.
- Put in more parks and natural places w/ lots of trees, grass, & nature.
- A tourist attraction place like Pike's Place Market down in Seattle.
- Biking trails through the beaches w/ a boardwalk for walkers.

I think that we should make more beaches that everyone can enjoy. We don't really have a lot of public access beaches and it would be really nice to have a place to go when it is nice and sunny.

I also think that we should improve our coastline and make it look nicer by keeping it clean and picking up the garbage.

-- 10th Grade Student at Lynden Christian

Michael Doose
6th

I saw the ocean ~~at~~ at Birch Bay and in Bellingham harbor, and from the airplane when I came to Bellingham. It is really beautiful (especially from the airplane in the sunshine) and I would say that it is more important to protect the coastline. Industries grow and go down again, but a protected coastline will stay for a long time.

Anna Eaden

I like the idea of a boardwalk along the way. They should have historical facts about the Bay & the animals in it. Little shops & restaurants could also be on the boardwalk. Parks, beaches, & picnic areas should be accessible.

① Public traffic - My idea built a convenient bus line because Bellingham coast doesn't have a convenient traffic line. People can be easy to go to the beach to enjoy the ocean.

② Park - we can build some parks near to the coast, my reasons are ① People have more recreational activities. ② Parks can embellish the city character. ③ By enjoying the using the parks, people have more high-level lives and more soul imaginations.

③ Drain system - Reducing the water pollution and let the ocean have a good recycle.

④ Natural museum - let people know the Belling history and environment.

I think that the future of the Bellingham coastline is important. I think that it should be divided up into thirds. One third should be devoted to natural habitat so that fish and other things have a place to live. The second third should be devoted to a beach with lots of sand and up on the top of the beach stores should line a road going between the beach and the city. An example of this is Huntington beach in CA. That section would be for recreation and relaxation. People could also shop the stores along the beach. The last part of the shore should be devoted to docks and shipping areas. The docks could come in and do their trading. Also, since the 2nd third is in between, the salmon wouldn't be disturbed by boats coming in and out to trade. This was my idea of what should happen on the Bellingham coastline. Thank you for considering my idea.

Sincerely,

Student from Lynden Christian

To who it May Concern,

I feel that this extra space would be best used for public enjoyment. Nice walkways or trails next to the water for jogging or strolling would be idle. Nice parks that give a nice natural habitat would be excellent. Just a place for relaxation or out-door recreational sports. A place for society to enjoy the great place they live in.

I don't know if these suggestions would even work in the area being considered, or that transportation issues would be complicated, but the thought in my mind gives the affect of space used for a great purpose.

Sincerely, Natalie

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