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5280 Northwest Dr
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SUBJECT: SANDY POINT HARBOR ENTRANCE DREDGING
File No: SHR2017-00007, SCH2017-00003, SEP2017-00051

Dear Sirs:

We are in **support** of the Harbor Entrance Dredging. This needs to be approved as it is very important to our community and is essential for the following reasons:

- a. The harbor entrance in its present condition is unsafe for navigation.
- b. The importance of maintaining access to the only safe harbor between Birch Bay and Bellingham.
- c. The harbor is used by tribal and non-tribal fishers for recreational and commercial fisheries.
- d. Oil spill response is based in the harbor.
- e. The marina provides the only sewage pump-out facility in the area.

Additionally, property values will be adversely affected as the harbor entrance becomes increasingly difficult to navigate.

The harbor provides recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers and canoers from all over the region who use the boat launch facility.

Please consider and **allow the dredge permit application.**

Thank you,



Jim and Eileen Sharpe

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COMMENT FORM

PROJECT NAME: SANDY POINT HARBOR ENTRANCE DREDGING
APPLICANT: OCEAN PROPERTIES, LLC. – VIC UNICK
FILE NUMBERS: SHR2017-00007, SHC2017-00003, SEP2017-00051

I am writing to ask you to please approve this application. It is for the benefit of all living on the West side of Lake Terrell Rd and South of Slater.

Some reasons to approve the dredging:

- The harbor entrance, in its present condition, is unsafe for navigation.
- Property values may be adversely affected as the harbor entrance becomes increasingly difficult to navigate.
- The importance of maintaining access to the only safe harbor between Bellingham and Birch Bay..
- The harbor is used by tribal and non-tribal fishers for recreational and commercial fisheries.
- Oil spill response is based in the harbor.
- The harbor provides recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers and canoers from all over the region who use the boat launch facility.
- The marina provides the only sewage pump-out facility in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.



Donna D'Angelo
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Subject: Wildwood Resort

Comments: 3 comments regarding the Wildwood Resort project:

Permits: How can you issue a permit for this person to change the use of a shop building to a renovated 2 bedroom cabin and we are unable to get a permit to build our home less than 1000 feet away due to having an exempt well. With your current moratorium on building permits due to exempt wells, we have to prove that it does not affect an instream flow or senior water right but you will give a permit to add a cabin to this property and allow the dredging of Lake Whatcom to add boat slips to harbor additional polluting boating activity (fuel, oil, noise)? Your letter states that you expect to issue a Determination of Non-Significance for the Wildwood project, I really need you to explain to me how this is possibly fair in any way shape or form how my future home with the use of my well affects Lake Whatcom more than what Wildwood Resort is proposing to do. I am at a complete loss of this logic and the only thing that makes sense is money and greed as to why they can get a permit for development to their property and we can't? I'm pretty sure they did not have to do water catchment or pay for a hydrogeological study to get consideration for a permit for this project. I can't even begin to tell you how angry and upset we are that we can't get a building permit for our home and have to suffer such financial loss only to hear that a building permit for the Wildwood project less than 1000 feet away is acceptable.

Noise Pollution: Though we don't yet live on our property due to the timing and inability to get a permit to build our home we do visit frequently and enjoy our property and our dock which is across the lake from Wildwood, the additional noise is of concern and not necessarily welcome but we do understand and don't think the noise impact would be considerable as it shouldn't be constant. We know that it's a great place to be in the summer time and we wouldn't want to stand in the way of someone wanting to further develop their property in a responsible manner.

Health of Lake Whatcom: Our concern is additional boating activity from non-residents and the health of the lake water and surrounding wildlife. When you bring in more boats and more jet skis you have more oil spills, gas spills, exhaust release, and grease. It's a concern for us because we love this pristine area so much but again we don't want to be unreasonable with picking and choosing who can do what with their property. We just want the county to make fair yet responsible decisions when it comes to the development of this beautiful area. Again, I am confused about the County's lack of concern to Lake Whatcom (senior water right) with Wildwood proposals but yet the County's major concern with us building our home with no impact to Lake Whatcom??

In conclusion: We ask for fairness from Whatcom County with the issuance of building permits to both residential as well as businesses. Responsible growth is the responsibility of everyone and not just the few residents who have not built their homes but are paying full tax assessments.

Sincerely,

Calley and Karla McCoy, 939 Shenandoah Court, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

Cell ph: 602-743-8747 - 602-214-7133

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Mr. Andrew Hicks
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Re: Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging

Mr. Hicks,

This letter is in response to your request for public comments on the proposed Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging Project. We live in Sandy Point, and I am a member of the Phillips 66 Refinery Oil Spill Response Team. We are boaters.

- The harbor entrance in its present condition is narrow, shallow, and dicey for navigation at most tide levels. Local knowledge is strongly recommended. Most of the local boaters have an "I dinged my propeller" story. Our dings ended well enough, but it is a risk.
- Sandy Point Harbor is the only safe harbor between Birch Bay and Bellingham. It is used by the Coast Guard as a location where boaters in trouble can be dropped ashore for medical support. Boat US also tows vessels to Sandy Point Marina.
- The boat launch and harbor are used by tribal and non-tribal fishers for recreational and commercial fisheries. It is a very busy, very narrow entrance during some fishing openings.
- Oil spill response resources are based in the harbor, both on land in a connex, and spill response boats in the water. Last summer when a private fishing boat sank within the Sandy Point Harbor, Phillips 66 Oil Spill Response team was onsite very quickly, and had adsorbent boom in the water right away. This helped mitigate the leaking diesel and engine oil.
- Property values will be adversely affected as the harbor entrance becomes increasingly difficult to navigate, reducing tax rolls.
- The marina provides the only boat sewage pumpout facility in the immediate area. Easy access to pumpouts encourage boaters to dispose of waste properly. This helps prevent closures for recreational and commercial shellfish harvesting due to high fecal coliform counts.

Thank you for taking the time to hear our comments.

Kristi Hug and Bill Day
4211 Saltspring
Ferndale Wa 98248



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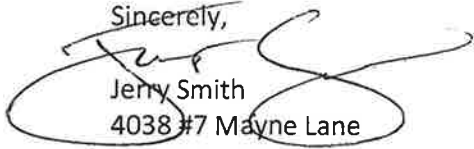
Please consider my comments in making a decision to approve the request to dredge the Sandy Point Harbor entrance. I am a ten year resident of Sandy Point and enjoy the access to the water and safety of the harbor as a place to moor my 24 foot boat. We frequently use the harbor and would greatly benefit by having a safer and more accessible entry to the harbor. As it is, the entrance is often unpassable on a low tide and we have incurred damage to our boat trying to navigate on a lower tide. I believe the current condition of the harbor entrance creates an unsafe condition and in certain weather and tide conditions could result in serious injury or damage. I fully support the effort to dredge the entrance.

Please consider the following as you make your decision:

- The harbor entrance in its present condition is unsafe for navigation.
- It is important to maintain access to Sandy Point as it is the only safe harbor between Birch Bay and Bellingham.
- The harbor is used by tribal and non-tribal fishers for recreational and commercial fisheries, which helps support the local economy.
- The nearby refineries oil spill response is based in the harbor.
- Property values in Sandy Point will be adversely affected as the harbor entrance becomes increasingly difficult to navigate.
- The harbor provides recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers and canoers from all over the region who use the boat launch facility.
- The marina provides the only sewage pumpout facility in the area.

Thank you for your review. I urge you to approve the request to dredge Sandy Point Harbor entrance.

Sincerely,



Jerry Smith
4038 #7 Mayne Lane
Ferndale WA

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The harbor is used by tribal and non-tribal fishers for recreational and commercial fisheries.

Oil spill response is based in the harbor.

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The harbor provides recreational opportunities for boaters, kayakers and canoers from all over the region who use the boat launch facility.

The marina provides the only sewage pump-out facility in the area.

Please consider and allow the dredge permit application.

Thank you,
Lorraine Hillman
4034 Saltspring Drive
Ferndale WA 98248

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Notice of Application

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File Number(s):	SHR2017-00007, SHC2017-00003, SEP2017-00051
Parcel Number:	380117535540
Project Name:	Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging
Applicant:	Ocean Properties, LLC. - Vic Unick
Date Submitted:	April 10, 2017
Notice of Completeness Date:	April 24, 2017
Notice of Application Date:	May 12, 2017
Comments Due By:	June 12, 2017
Project Description:	Dredge the entrance to Sandy Point canal
Site Address:	Lot 1, Sandy Point Marina Condominium

The application will be reviewed under the Official Whatcom County Shoreline Program, Zoning and Critical Areas Ordinances, and mitigation may be required pursuant to these ordinances. The project will also be reviewed by Whatcom County Planning and Development Services, Engineering, Fire and the Health Department.

The final decision on this proposal may be appealed according to the County appeal provisions specified in Title 23. For more information contact the Shoreline Administrator, Andrew Hicks, at (360) 778-5908 or e-mail ahicks@co.whatcom.wa.us.

Comment Form

Project Name: Sandy Point Dredging	File Number(s): SHR2017-00007, SHC2017-00003, SEP2017-00051
Name and Address: Brad Johnson Ferndale, WA 98248	4417 Suva Drive
Comments (attach additional sheets as necessary): I am very much in favor of having the entrance to Sandy Point dredged	

Gary L. Hoffman

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Andrew Hicks
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Re: Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging

Dear Mr. Hicks:

I am a property owner on Sandy Point and have been enjoying the area since the early 1980's so I have some perspective on the changes that have taken place within the community. At one time Sandy Point was a vacation destination and the marina and the channel entrance had much less traffic. At that time the harbor was easily navigable at any level of tide. As time has progressed the harbor entrance has deteriorated as the marine traffic has steadily increased due to the increased population and popularity.

The problem at this time is that the local charts show that Sandy Point harbor is navigable. However, there are large portions of each day that only the smallest of vessels are able to get through the entrance. When the tide is low you risk the chance of hitting the rocks on the south of the entrance or running aground on the gravel bar to the north. Something needs to be done with the harbor entrance to make it consistently navigable before serious damage to a vessel or someone is injured while making an attempt to enter the harbor.

Mariners that are not familiar with the lack of dredging are lulled into a false sense of security due to the navigational markers at the harbor entrance. The Sandy Point harbor presents itself as a safe harbor when in fact it is a very difficult and dangerous harbor, and at time is not passable. For most captains entering the harbor for the first time they do not realize the difficulty of the passage until they have enter the channel and then they discover that they are in precarious situation due to the lack of dredging. Once you have entered that channel you are committed and there is no possibility of turning around and strong tidal flow makes the situation very precarious.

If the Sandy Point harbor is to remain open and listed on navigational charts it needs to be maintained and dredged on a regular bases. The current state of the harbor entrance is a hazard to navigation and is unacceptable. The harbor entrance needs to be maintained before there is a serious injury. I urge you to recommend that the harbor entrance be maintained on a regular basis.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Hoffman

June 1, 2017

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Dear Sirs:

Re: sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging

We have been recreational boaters using Sandy Point Marina and the entrance to the Sound for 45 years. For the past 25 years that entrance has been receding to the point that it is extremely dangerous. Not only is the entrance very narrow but incoming and outgoing boats cannot be seen by one another. The two conditions make for potential deadly accidents.

Proper application for the dredging and all documents have been submitted. It is past time that this only safe harbor between Bellingham and Blaine be approved and made safe.

Sincerely,

Gary Douglas Moore
Jo Ann Moore

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