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TO: WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

FROM: VIC UNICK  
6078 NEEVEL ROAD  
FERNDAL, WA 98248  
(360) 507-5700

DATE: JUNE 9, 2017

SUBJECT: SANDY POINT HARBOR ENTRANCE DREDGING

In the early 1960's our family launched our boat at Neptune Beach. The process was a challenge at best. After the canal and boat ramp were installed, boating became so much more safe and accessible to everyone.

Since the entrance of the channel has narrowed, it has become a serious navigational issue. It is not only the depth of the water, but the fact that two boats CAN NOT pass in the narrow entrance. If two boats enter the channel at the same time when the tide is changing, there is no room for error. Someone has to retreat.

For the last 60 years Whatcom County residents have enjoyed the inner channel-way of Sandy Point not only for boating, but for mooring, a safe harbor, commercial fishing boats, oil spill response, and other activities.

This is the time for this project to proceed. Time is of the essence for this work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Vic Unick

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## Whatcom County Planning & Development-

Please approve the proposed dredging of the Sandy Point Canal.

The canal has become choked off by sand and gravel due to storms and wave action. It's very difficult to navigate through on anything but a 5' tide for most recreational boats. The passage has become so narrow that boat owners must be extremely competent to even attempt entering or leaving Sandy Point.

The harbor is used by both tribal fishing and non-tribal boats as well as the P66 oil spill response vessels. You can probably imagine the catastrophe that would occur if the oil spill team couldn't respond quickly to contain a spill in the Neptune beach area.

Sandy Point Harbor also contains the only pump out facility in the area and is the only safe harbor from Bellingham to Birch Bay. Meaning, it's the only harbor in this area that can help boats in peril due to a storm or other difficulties.

Please approve the application to dredge. Come tour and visit the Sandy Point Marina. It's a beautiful spot that will be very much improved with dredging.

Thank you,

Susan Burgler – 360-319-5585

June 7th, 2017

Subject: Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging

File Numbers SHR2017-00007, SHC2017-00003, SEP2017-00051

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Dear Whatcom County Planning

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Please support the dredge.

Sincerely,



Address

3197 N. SHORE RD

BELLINGHAM, WA. 98226

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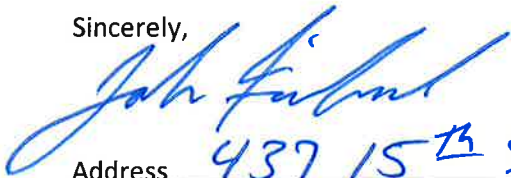
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437 15<sup>th</sup> ST Bellingham WA 98225

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Address 1224 CREEKWOOD LN BELLINGHAM, WA 98229

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Sincerely,

*Ron Young*

Address

7827 DALYCE DRIVE, FERNDALE, WA 98248

June 6, 2017

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Mike Bredeson

4001 Salt Spring Pr.

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Whatcom County  
Planning & Development Services  
5280 Northwest Drive  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Attn: Andrew Hicks, Shoreline Administrator

Greetings,

We are writing this letter in support of the Sandy Point Harbor Entrance Dredging.  
File Number(s): SHR2017-00007, SHC2017-00003, SEP2017-00051

We use the entrance to Sandy Point to take our boat in and out of the Sandy Point harbor. The harbor entrance, in its present condition, is unsafe for navigation. In recent years, this has become very challenging at times. When the tide is very low, there is no getting in or out of the harbor. If a boater encountered an emergency, or high wind, fog or other hazardous weather and a boater needed to get into the harbor during a very low tide, it would not be possible. This harbor is the only safe harbor between Birch Bay and Bellingham and keeping it navigable is imperative.

Below are some other reasons why dredging the harbor needs to be done.

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

Oil spill response is based in the harbor.

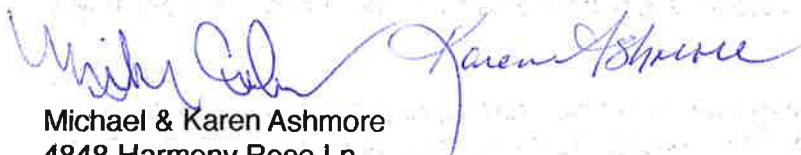
The marina not only supplies fuel but provides the only sewage pumpout in the area.

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

Property values will be adversely affected if the harbor becomes increasingly difficult to navigate.

We urge you to approve the dredging of Sandy Point harbor, not only for recreational reasons, but more importantly, for safety reasons.

Sincerely,



Michael & Karen Ashmore  
4848 Harmony Rose Ln  
Ferndale, WA 98248



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Address 2565 N. Shore Rd Bellingham Wash

To: Whatcom County Planning and Development

From: Dick and Betty Hawkins

Property owners: 4203 Salt Spring drive Ferndale

Tax property ID 39038 Geo ID 3801085441620000

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Our lot at Sandy Point has been in the family beginning August 15 1971. We have use the lot for recreation that includes boating and short stay camping. The ability to use the lot continues to become more restricted as the condition of the entrance channel deteriorates. I have documentation of damage done to our boats as a result of the entrance condition.

My records indicate that efforts to restore the entrance to previously acceptable condition have been continuously delayed. I believe the importance of this channel is well documented dating back to a January 1999 request to the US Army Corps of Engineers for Maintenance dredging.

The economic value of the harbor, and the safety provided by its emergency access must not be underestimated for both the residents, tribal and non-tribal fishers and transient mariners.

Weather conditions in the waters off sandy point can change rapidly and even experienced boaters have been placed in serious jeopardy as U.S Coast Guard, Power Squadron and towing operators records, I am sure will indicate.

Without safe access to the harbor out of area boaters could find themselves in serious danger as many charts do not document the deteriorated condition created by continued maintenance dredging delays.

Completion of this maintenance project is long overdue and it is time for all parties involved to make this a priority and do the right thing by working together and rapidly approve all the required permits.

Thank you for helping us solve this problem

Dick Hawkins

