

City of Bainbridge Island
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Darlene Kordonowy
FROM: Harbor Commission
DATE: February 16, 2006
RE: Annual Report

As required by BIMC 2.46.030, the Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission hereby submits its 2005 Annual Report.

On May 4th, the Harbor Commission presented the March 2005 draft Eagle Harbor Open Water Anchoring and Mooring Plan to the Bainbridge Island City Council. The City Council accepted the draft for review and approval.

The Harbor Commission pursued working with the Washington Ferry System (WFS) to establish a boatyard adjoining the WSF Maintenance Yard. In January, Harbor Commission Chair Langley Gace sent an official letter to the Mayor summarizing citizen input gathered at two public workshops (November 30 and December 14, 2004). The letter contained a list of functions and facilities that citizens would like to see in a boatyard, stressing haulout capability, fueling, an impoundment area, and space to perform marine surveys as being highly desirable.

The Harbor Commission continued to strongly endorse allowing the Bainbridge Island Rowing Club to use Waterfront Park facilities until a suitable alternative Eagle Harbor site for its activities becomes operational.

The Harbor Commission recommended revising waterskiing/wakeboarding in Eagle Harbor, prohibiting waterskiing and wakeboarding in the inner harbor area while establishing a new waterskiing/wakeboarding area off Pritchard Park.

The Harbor Commission is considering seven specific goals for 2006:

1. Support and monitor efforts by the Harbormaster and law enforcement officials to process and remove vessels adrift, sinking, in danger of sinking, derelict or abandoned from Bainbridge Island waters. Recommend changes to Bainbridge Island ordinances, regulations, and staffing to improve processing and removal effectiveness and efficiency.
2. Monitor waterskiing/wakeboarding in Bainbridge Island waters, recommending changes to ordinances and regulations where necessary to deal with speed and wake issues.

3. Monitor the progress of state and local entities in creating the Eagle Harbor Anchoring and Mooring Area. Recommend changes and new procedures, where necessary.
4. Work with Sandy Fischer, Project Manager of Winslow Tomorrow, to “re-master” Waterfront Park, making it more attractive and accessible to all Bainbridge Island citizens.
5. Work with Washington State Ferries in their planning for upgrading both the ferry terminal and their maintenance yard.
6. Work with the Parks Department on development of Pritchard Park and its water-related amenities.
7. Work with Washington State Ferries in locating, designing, and permitting a boatyard in Eagle Harbor.

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Chair, Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission