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CORRECTION – New Live-aboard Vessels Would be Allowed in Proposed Marina

Bainbridge Island, WA, February 6, 2009 – In an article published today, “Open Harbor Marina open for comment,” the Bainbridge Review erroneously stated that proposed regulations to allow for an open-water marina in Eagle Harbor would “not allow for new live-aboard vessels to join the open-water marina.”

In fact, according to planner Peter Namtvedt Best, proposed amendments to the city’s Shoreline Master Program would allow for the continued presence of live-aboard vessels in the open water moorage, including new live-aboards.

“The city is committed to maintaining open water moorage opportunities for live-aboards, and has worked hard to incorporate the input of all interested parties, develop a plan and amend necessary rules to make that happen,” Best said. Live-aboards would be limited to no more than 25% of the number of moorage spaces in the open water marina, which is the same standard for all marinas within Eagle Harbor, he said.

The Department of Ecology (DOE) is currently accepting public comment on the proposed amendment, which was approved by the City Council last October. The proposal would ensure that existing standards for marinas apply within the designated open water moorage. Aside from including the open water marina as a permitted use in the aquatic environment, no other changes to shoreline environment designations, Shoreline Management Plan goals and policies, or permitted, prohibited or conditional uses within shoreline jurisdictions are proposed.

DOE will not be holding a public hearing, but written comments will be accepted until 5 pm Monday, Feb. 23, 2009. Comments may be submitted via email to bnig461@ecy.wa.gov, or mailed to

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The amendment is available at www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us. For more information, contact DOE at (360)407-6520.

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