

DATE: January 28, 2011

TO: Mayor Kirsten Hytopoulos

FROM: 2011 Harbor Commission

SUBJECT: Harbor Commission Annual Report to the City Council for 2010

As required by BIMC 2.46.030. The Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission hereby submits its 2010 Annual Report.

The current state of Bainbridge Island waters can now best be described as in transition from unregulated to being managed. This last year saw substantial progress on three critical items from the Harbor Commission Work Plan of 2010.

1. Continued work toward implementation of an OWM installation.
2. Input and assistance as requested, for the acquisition and development of the potential COBI waterfront property at the WSDOT facility.
3. Implementation of a buoy registration program that over time will reduce derelict and abandoned vessels.

Our overall goal of a sustainable management system for the Island's waters saw a substantial move in 2010 from planning to implementation.

In detail:

Open Water Marina (OWM)

2010 saw establishment of a lease with DNR for an Open Water Marina. For over 10 years residential use of Eagle Harbor has been an issue of contention and legal ambiguity. We finally have a resolution. Creation of the OWM marina makes legal the residential use of Eagle Harbor. It allows us to establish rules and procedures not only for residential use but clears up confusion around long-term moorings, buoy permits and other issues surrounding boats in Eagle Harbor.

We would like to recognize the excellent efforts by Hillary Franz in working with DNR to make the OWM a reality.

WSDOT Property

Much of the last half of 2010 was consumed with review and input to the council on feasibility and criteria regarding the offer from WSDOT on use of the .9 acres adjoining the ferry maintenance facility. While this was a divisive issue citizen input and volunteer participation in this decision was well facilitated by the Harbor Commission. Due to the high citizen

participation and input from volunteers and sub-committees the city council was well informed on options when the final decision was made.

Buoy Enforcement

Recognizing that proliferation of illegal moorings has led to derelicts and abandoned vessels in island waters the Harbor Commission several years ago recommended procedures to begin a program of enforcement and removal of abandoned moorings. 2010 saw the beginning of this program with island residents registering their moorings at an unprecedented rate under an amnesty program.

We expect buoy registration and enforcement over the next few years to substantially decrease the number of boats left without care and abandoned on illegal moorings in Bainbridge Island waters.

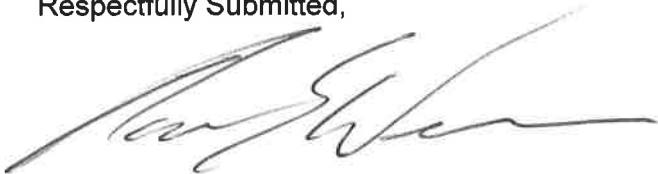
Request to the City Council

We appreciate the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Bainbridge Island as we work toward goals outlined in the Bainbridge Island Harbor Management Plan. Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve as voluntary advisors to the City Council and Harbor Master.

The Harbor Commission can assist with, provide advice and give direction on many harbor related issues. At our last regular meeting the Harbor Commission adopted the attached work plan for 2011. As a commission we serve by appointment and to assure we provide the best service to the City Council and our community we respectfully request the following:

1. The City Council please review the 2011 Harbor Commission Work Plan.
2. The City Council appoint a council person as a liaison between the City Council and the Harbor Commission.
3. The City Council clarify priorities and expectations they have for the Harbor Commission in 2011 especially in regard to items in the attached 2011 Work Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross West", written in a cursive style.

Ross West
2010 Chairman, Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission

Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission

2011 Work Plan

Draft Jan 18th, 2011.

- 1. At the request of the COBI management and the City Councilors continue working towards the implementation of the Open Water Marina (OWM) for live aboards, including the creation and implementation of formal moorage agreements.**
- 2. Liase with the City Councilors and COBI management regarding their ultimate decision on which project(s) the \$2 million from the WSF will be spent.
Assist, as requested in the compilation of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for the construction of the chosen project.**
- 3. Investigate available grants for improvements to waterfront facilities on the Island, including the City Dock and the launch ramp at Fort Ward. Continue the dialogue with Bainbridge Island Rowers, Parks & Recreation and the Kayak/ canoe concessionaires to ensure all parties are coordinating their projects to improve the facilities.**
- 4. Review list of present Harbor Stewards and their job descriptions with a view to involving them more in the operations of the Island's harbors.**
- 5. Schedule management of the City Dock during peak weekends to ensure safe and efficient use of the dock while greeting visitors with information on amenities available in Winslow.**
- 6. Assist the Marine Police in the Derelict Vessel Removal Program.**
- 7. Continue to educate, advocate and assist in the buoy enforcement program.**
- 8. Estimate costs for dealing with abandonment of multiple small vessels, unable to be auctioned, and seek means of their disposal.**
- 9. Prepare an updated 2011 appendix to the 1999 Harbor management Plan.**
- 10. Coordinate use of the Island's harbors and waterways towards proper emergency procedures.**