

Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area

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Public Outreach Activities



Public involvement in the Feasibility Study process included extensive outreach to the communities within the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area. Significant effort was spent to ensure that every jurisdiction, organization, and individual stakeholder was properly notified of the Feasibility Study process and had an opportunity to provide input and ask questions. Multiple opportunities for participation were made available through web pages on the Maritime Heritage Network website, a Stakeholder Survey, and Stakeholder and Community Workshops. Information was disseminated through presentations, emails, and website updates. In addition, an Information and Outreach Toolkit was developed to encourage participants to undertake their own outreach efforts.

Input gathered during the outreach process was incorporated into the resulting feasibility study, including the determination of boundaries, resources, and management principles. Every effort was made to address community concerns about designation and the effects on communities.

Website: Web pages dedicated to the National Maritime Heritage Area designation process were set-up on the Maritime Heritage Network website. The pages included information on the genesis of the project, the designation process, and the current status. Information about Stakeholder and Community Workshops was posted before each round of workshops. After the completion of each round, the Workshop materials were also posted on the website. Links to relevant sites and studies regarding the impacts and benefits of National Heritage Areas were included on the website to provide interested parties with additional information. Individuals were also encouraged to submit comments and nominate maritime heritage resources through



links to an online survey on the National Maritime Heritage Area web page.

Information and Outreach Toolkit: To encourage local community leaders and individuals to conduct their own outreach, an Information and Outreach Toolkit was developed with the necessary presentation materials to conduct informational meetings. The Toolkit, which contains documents and resources provided at the Workshops, was made available online through the National Maritime Heritage Area web page.

Stakeholder Survey: During the initial phase of the Feasibility Study, a Stakeholder Survey was conducted. Maritime heritage organizations, identified through the Northwest Maritime Heritage Council contact list, were asked to identify potential themes and stories, perceived benefits and challenges, and desired characteristics of a Facilitating Organization for the proposed National Heritage Area. The information gathered from the 17 survey respondents, combined with input from the Steering Committee guided the development of the structure, themes, and management of the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area that was presented to broader audiences in later outreach.

Stakeholder Workshops: Regional Stakeholder Workshops were held in Anacortes, Bellingham, Bremerton, Hoquiam, Port Angeles, Tacoma, and Seattle during April, 2009 with local decision-makers and maritime heritage stakeholders. The purpose of these meetings was to inform regional leaders of the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area and Feasibility Study process, as well as to address any questions or concerns and solicit support for the proposed area. Invitees included tribal leaders, elected and appointed officials at the city and county levels, economic development and tourism councils, and maritime heritage organizations, spanning all 13 counties included in the National Maritime Heritage Area.

Invitees were notified via email of the dates, locations, and contents of the Workshops. If email addresses were unavailable, hard copies of the invitation and attached documents were sent via standard mail. Follow-up phone calls were also made to confirm receipt of the invitation and meeting attendance.

At each workshop, participants were provided with a packet of informational materials on the National Heritage Area program, management of a National Heritage Area, and the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area. Participants were also asked for their suggestions on outreach media and other organizations to contact. Workshop materials included sample letters of support, as well as excerpts from a GAO study on land-use impacts of National Heritage Areas and an Association of National Heritage Areas' study on the economic impacts.

Community Workshops, May-June, 2009

In late May and early June of 2009, regional Community Workshops were held in Aberdeen, Anacortes, Bellingham, Bremerton, Port Townsend, Tacoma, and Seattle to engage members of the public. These workshops were designed to inform members of the public of the benefits



associated with designation, encourage public involvement in the nomination of resources and letters of support, and address concerns surfaced by members of the public and maritime stakeholders. Attendees of the initial Stakeholder Workshops were also encouraged to attend the Community Workshops.

For this series of workshops invitations were sent out via email to the invitees of the Stakeholder Workshops, as well as to individuals and organizations suggested by those attendees. A flyer promoting the Community Workshops was attached to each email invitation and recipients were encouraged to post flyers and forward the email on to interested parties and membership lists. Press releases were issued to all major newspapers within the meeting area approximately one week in advance of each Workshop. The date and location of each Workshop was posted on the National Maritime Heritage Area website.

The materials available at the Community Workshops reflected input received during Stakeholder Workshops and provided more detail regarding the proposed management structure. A series of large presentation boards displayed around the room and participants were encouraged to place sticky notes with comments on boundaries, management principles, themes, resources, and concerns. Hand-outs were also provided with more detailed information on the structure of other National Heritage Areas around the country, potential benefits and concerns of National Heritage Area designation, and the roles and structure of the facilitating organization. A comment form was available, along with a resource nomination form. A sample letter of support was provided for individuals to submit and forward onto local officials and organizations to encourage their support.

Jurisdictional Visits

In order to solicit support from local elected and appointed public officials, Dr. Allyson Brooks, the State Historic Preservation Officer, visited jurisdictions and port districts. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview of the effort and request letters of support.

Washington Public Ports Association

A presentation was given at the annual conference of the Washington Public Ports Association in Pasco, WA. Because of the importance of working waterfronts and shipping heritage to Washington, the support of ports is crucial to the success of the area.

Grays Harbor 2020

Project staff participated in the kickoff event for the Grays Harbor 2020 implementation phase.





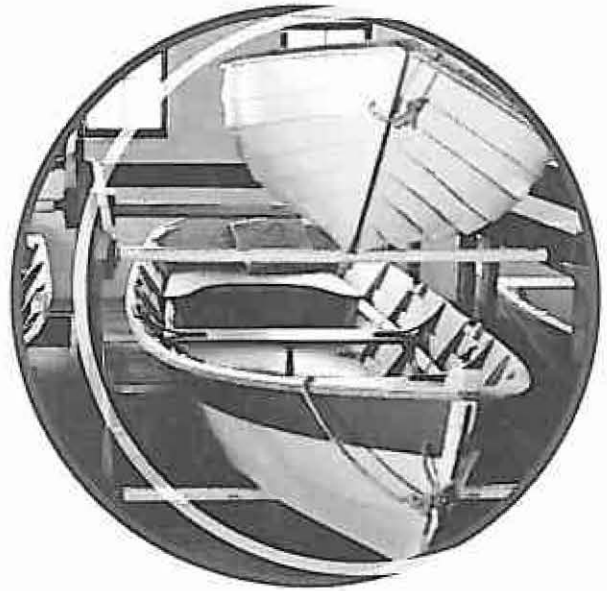
Appendix B

Comment Letters





Heritage Organizations





September 23, 2009

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Governor, State of Washington
Post Office Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504 – 0002

Re: National Maritime Heritage Designation for Coast of Washington & Northwest
Puget Sound

Dear Governor Gregoire,

The purpose of this letter is to support efforts to designate the north coast of Washington and Northwest Puget Sound as a National Maritime Heritage Area.

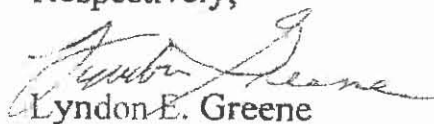
It is our understanding this heritage designation would be the only maritime designation in the nation; and, as such, it would emphasize the rich maritime history, historic ships and harbors, and the many maritime related activities and events we enjoy in this region. It is also our desire this heritage designation be done in a manner to preserve the natural beauty of the region including continued preservation of our inland sea and our many public waterways.

The Anacortes Community Maritime Center is a 501(c)3 non profit organization servicing Anacortes and Skagit County. Our purpose is to promote maritime activities in our various communities. For example, this past weekend APMC sponsor Fidalgo Bay Days in partnership with the Marine Resource Committee of Skagit County.

Our current efforts include the development of a Small Boat Center in Anacortes in partnership with the Port of Anacortes, the City of Anacortes, and several other non profit organizations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectively,



Lyndon E. Greene

Board Member

Anacortes Community Maritime Center

**Anacortes Historic Preservation Board
c/o Anacortes History Museum
1305 8th Street
Anacortes, WA 98221**

June 30, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Anacortes Historic Preservation Board supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Designation as a national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. Designation will help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefit recognition will bring to our communities.

Sincerely,

Susan G. Rooks, Chair
Anacortes Historic Preservation Board

August 12, 2009

Congressman Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
1529 Longworth Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Larsen,

The Anacortes Museum would like to add its support to the effort to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as the country's first National Maritime Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Designation as a national heritage area will complement our Museum's efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and to be the first National Maritime Heritage Area in the country.

We appreciate all you do,

Steve Oakley
Director, Anacortes Museum



11 December 2009

To Whom it may concern:

The Bainbridge Island Historical Museum supports the creation of a National Maritime Heritage Area as outlined in the Washington State feasibility study.

Bainbridge Island is situated in Puget Sound and played a significant part in the history of northwest coastal and inland water region. This history encompasses first people's relationship with the island and subsequent European settler's relationships with the abundant natural resources found here.

Major lumber mills were established on the island and shipbuilding occurred to transport lumber around the world. Later, the farming on the island became well known because of the strawberries which were grown here. The island played an important part in World War II as this is the first place that Japanese Americans were taken away to exclusion camps during the war. The military installations on the island were important for the radio messages that were received and transmitted during the war. Military ships were built and repaired in the island's waters.

The Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, as the repository of island historical artifacts, believe it is fitting that a National Maritime Heritage Area be created and will make a unique and important contribution to our shared national story.

Sincerely,

Bainbridge Island Historical Museum

Henry R. Helm
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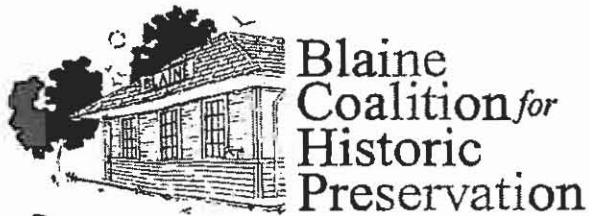
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Preserving Our Treasures for Future Generations

June 14, 2009

Ms. Allyson Brooks
WA State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation
1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501-1263

Dear Ms. Brooks,

I am writing in an effort to designate the Blaine region as a National Maritime Heritage Area, in particular Drayton Harbor and associated waters. Having this National Designation will help our community to tell the story of its rich maritime history, heritage, and culture. It will also help raise awareness of the Pacific Northwest's maritime history, heritage, and culture to a national audience. In addition a National Maritime Heritage Area would facilitate expanded cooperation among maritime heritage groups working in our maritime region.

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At Large

In order to give a brief example of the maritime heritage of Blaine, I have prepared very brief highlights of our maritime history.

The Coastal Salish indigenous people first inhabited this area. They lived mostly a pastoral lifestyle, fishing for salmon, hunting, and gathering in the maritime environment of Drayton Harbor, Semiahmoo Bay, and surrounding waters. They lived in large family groups in long houses on Semiahmoo Spit as well as in other local coastal areas. The Salish people were displaced when the Europeans discovered this area.

The area around Blaine was explored by Captain Vancouver, who came ashore in nearby Birch Bay in 1792. In 1841 Lieutenant (later Admiral) Charles Wilkes weaved his way through the San Juan Islands aboard the U.S. Naval Ship Vincennes. He passed Birch Bay and followed the coastline around a spit known by the Salish people and by fir traders as Tongue Points. Wilkes named the small bay behind Tongue Point after his civilian artist

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Joseph Drayton. This body of water is now called Drayton Harbor, and (of course) the Point is now called Semiahmoo Spit.

During the Fraser River Gold rush of 1858, Tongue Point was platted as the town of Semiahmoo (now part of the City of Blaine) and was the location where those on their way to the Fraser River gold rush disembarked from various steamers known as the Mosquito fleet. The miners, packed with indispensable supplies purchased at the general store on Tongue Point, took the overland trail to the Fraser River gold fields north of the U. S. border.

Much of the timber that rebuilt San Francisco after the great earthquake and fire of 1906 came from the virgin old growth fir and cedar forests of Blaine. By 1908 Blaine was Washington's third busiest port, surpassed only by Seattle and Tacoma. Parts of the long wooden pier built at this time, which gave access over the mud flats to the mouth of the harbor, are still standing.

The first Puget Sound sockeye salmon cannery was built on Semiahmoo spit by J.A. Martin and John Elwood in 1891. In 1892 it was bought by Daniel D. Drysdale for \$500. In 1893 Drysdale's cannery packed 36,244 cases of salmon. In 1894 Drysdale joined the Alaska Packers Association. Soon the APA cannery at Semiahmoo became one of the world's biggest canneries. The APA cannery was in operation over 70 years at Semiahmoo Spit.

Most of the transportation in and out of Blaine was by water until 1909 when the first train arrived at the Great Northern Railway Station. It was built at the base of the pier.

During the Second World War, the Berg Shipyard on Dakota creek contributed to the war effort by building naval warships.

In light of this partial history, The Blaine Coalition for Historic Preservation would like to nominate at the very least the following areas for inclusion in the National Maritime Heritage Area.

1. Head of Semiahmoo Spit, Blaine, WA. It was the location of the Semiahmoo Coastal Salish people's encampment. This location is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
2. Tongue Point Semiahmoo Spit, Blaine, WA. It was a waypoint in the Fraser River Gold Rush of 1858. In 1891 it was the site of the first sockeye salmon cannery in Puget Sound (Salish Sea). Later it was the site of the Alaska Packers Association (APA) cannery which at one time was the biggest cannery in the world. Warehouse No.6, a one hundred year old structure on a pier, survives intact today.
3. The historic Plover passenger ferry. It is listed on the National

Register of Historic Places. It is in service in the summer months. It was formerly an APA cannery launch and was built in 1944. The historic Plover ferry had its traditional landing at Semiahmoo at Warehouse No 6.

4. The Berg Shipyard Dakota Creek Blaine, WA. This shipyard built naval vessels during the Second World War.
5. The Semiahmoo Park Maritime Museum. It is located on Semiahmoo Spit.
6. The Peace Arch international boundary marker. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Thank you, Ms. Brooks, for your consideration of this information and for your work concerning Washington State's proposed National Maritime Heritage Area. Our Association is most interested in receiving future correspondence regarding this effort.

Sincerely,



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Our Mission: To provide a gathering place where maritime history comes alive through direct experience and our small craft heritage is enjoyed, preserved, and passed along to future generations.

June 4, 2009

To Whom It May Concern

The Center for Wooden Boats and its 2,500 members support the proposal to create the Western Washington National Maritime Heritage Area.

Maritime culture is a vital element of the Northwest's heritage and continues to create vibrant interest today. Maritime is in everyone's cultural memory. It became entrenched in our minds from the time our ancestors gathered at watersides for sustenance. What soon followed were boats – a means to use the water as pathways for hunting, trading and raiding.

This coastal area is overflowing with long-term living maritime heritage, from the Stone Age to the Steam Age. The sites of maritime activities are still here as well as the traditional vessels. There is a renaissance of maritime heritage museums and organizations along our waterways. The First People are once again carving their exquisite cedar canoes and have tribal gatherings across their historic beaches. Traditional wooden boat building is being taught at four different sites in Puget Sound.

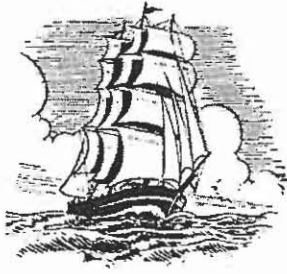
Traditional wooden boat festivals are annual events in Olympia, Seattle and Port Townsend and many other harbors, drawing more than 50,000 visitors. There are public meets every year of classic runabouts, classic yachts, steamboats, classic tugboats and American combatant craft.

These facilities and activities reflect a growing public interest in preserving our maritime heritage. By working regionally, the heritage area will place individual historic sites and attractions in a broader context, encouraging visitors to think of maritime Washington as a tourist destination. Locally, residents from one town will be encouraged to visit other towns in the region. This heritage tourism will help build a sustainable economic model for long-term preservation of these unique resources and assets.

Sincerely,

Dick Wagner
Founding Director

Betsy Davis
Executive Director



Drayton Harbor Maritime

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Allyson Brooks
State Preservation Officer
Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation
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May 28,2009

Dear Ms. Brooks,

On behalf of Drayton Harbor Maritime a 501c3 maritime heritage organization, I would like to say that DHM supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a National Heritage Area. Having this designation will further support recognition of this area's unique maritime resources as out-lined in the proposal.

Designating this unique geographical region, as a National Heritage area will help in our efforts in preserving and promoting our historic, cultural and natural resources that that make up the region's maritime account. Our organization maintains and operates the City of Blaine's Historic passenger ferry Plover that was entered on the national historic register in 1997, we also operate and staff the Semiahmoo Park Maritime Museum for the Whatcom County Park and Recreation Department.

Designation will help in our in our efforts along with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and economic development interests and heritage tourist promotion, leading to more enhanced protection, richer interpretation and promotion of these resources that will lead to increased tourist promotion that will bring long term economic benefits to our region at the same time helping to preserve our rich maritime heritage.

Please give this letter your every consideration as we look forward to recognition of our nationally significant salt-water coast and the benefits recognition will bring to our area.

Fair winds,

Captain Richard C. Sturgill
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November 2, 2009

Dr. Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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RE: Maritime National Heritage Area

Dear Dr. Brooks:

On behalf of the Board and membership of Historic Everett, we wish to extend our support of the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. We welcome this national designation and comprehend how important and appropriate this recognition is.

I have had the pleasure to watch faces in audiences light-up and ideas begin to take flight as you tell people about the program. Even the most skeptical realize the opportunity when they understand that it is non-regulatory, does not involve eminent domain and that the entire state of Tennessee is a National Heritage Area. Since Snohomish County, and Everett in particular, have such a fascinating early history and all of it water-dependant, the heightened awareness, coordination and resources this designation can bring will be most welcome.

Being able to coordinate and cooperate with other organizations to pool our resources for the promotion of tourism and expansion of knowledge is seriously needed here. This place matters because it is intriguing, complicated, informative and beautiful – it represents a story that needs to be told and listened to again and again.

Please keep us informed and do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of service.

Yours truly,

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Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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May 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Island County Historical Society supports and endorses the proposal to designate all of Washington's saltwater coastline as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This designation will most certainly raise the level of awareness concerning the significance of the maritime trades and the rich history associated with them in our state and along our waterways.

As a historical society, we are excited about the prospects associated with national designation, including a higher level of recognition, increased programming, marketing, and fundraising opportunities, and above all, the chance to bring into clearer focus the importance of the role played historically and currently by the maritime industry. Increased heritage tourism is sure to be a positive asset not only to the communities within the Heritage Area, but also to the State at-large.

We look forward to celebrating this new designation, and thank you for your support in moving this important project forward.

Kind Regards,

Richard L. Castellano
Executive Director
Island County Historical Society



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June 9, 2009

The Honorable Chris Gregoire
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The Association of King County Historical Organizations supports the proposal to designate western Washington's coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. AKCHO represents more than 150 King County museums, heritage groups, and individuals working to preserve our history and heritage, including historic ships, lighthouses, and documents related to our maritime past. We recognize the connections between our work in King County and the efforts by thousands of individuals across western Washington to honor our maritime story and present it to our children and grandchildren. Designation as a National Heritage Area will complement efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story.

Designation has further benefits to our state. It will help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions outside King County, including maritime heritage groups, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

The AKCHO Board of Directors asks that you work with our congressional delegation to pass legislation in the current session creating a Maritime National Heritage Area for our state.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Follansbee
Vice President, AKCHO

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December 08, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Nordic Heritage Museum strongly supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a National Maritime Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Designation as a national heritage area will complement the Nordic Heritage Museum's efforts to preserve and promote the Nordic American maritime history, industries, and innovations that contribute to our region's rich maritime story. Designation will assist us in coordinating our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions—including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities—leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefits recognition will bring to our communities.

Sincerely,

Eric Nelson
Chief Executive Officer
Nordic Heritage Museum



NORTHWEST MARITIME CENTER

June 4, 2009

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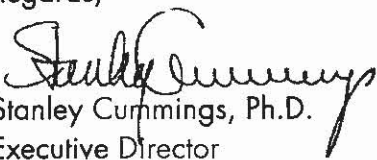
The Northwest Maritime Center & Wooden Boat Foundation is in construction of a \$12.8 million, 27,000 square foot facility in Port Townsend, Washington. The purpose of this facility is to engage and educate people of all ages in traditional and contemporary maritime life. The City of Port Townsend was once the center of maritime activity in the Pacific Northwest and its working waterfront embodies that history today

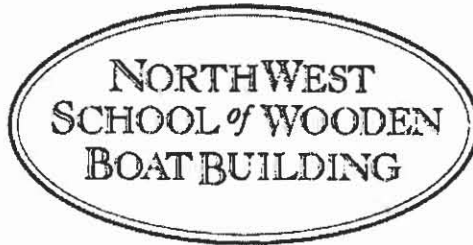
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We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefit recognition will bring to our communities.

Regards,


Stanley Cummings, Ph.D.
Executive Director



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To Whom It May Concern:

Founded in 1981, the mission of the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding is to: *Teach and preserve the skills and crafts associated with fine wooden boatbuilding and other traditional maritime arts with emphasis on the development of the individual as a craftsman.* While we teach traditional boatbuilding crafts, we also strive to preserve the unique wooden boatbuilding style of the Pacific Northwest.

As such, the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding is in full support of the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways. Designation as a national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story.

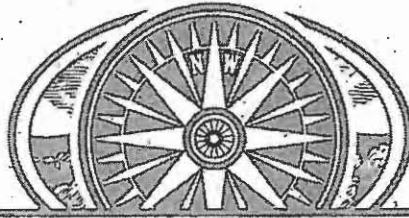
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We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefit recognition will bring to our communities.

Sincerely,

Bill Mahler
Director



PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARITIME HERITAGE COUNCIL

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A FEW FACTS

Following informal discussions in mid-1990 about the need for greater information sharing among organizations in our region, the **Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council (PNWMHC)** was formed. It is the only known inclusive regional maritime history and education networking group in the United States and Canada. The Council's informal membership includes key professional staff, board members and other volunteer representatives from maritime museums, historic ships and other nautical history-oriented attractions in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia.

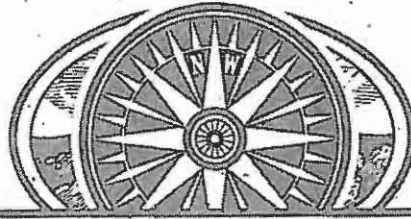
Purpose: The purpose of the PNWMHC is: "To bring together maritime heritage organizations in Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia to preserve maritime history, strengthen maritime traditions and promote maritime culture through mutually beneficial, cooperative activities."

Scope: Today, almost 20 years after its founding, the PNWMHC continues to work actively to achieve its goals. The Council has developed a diverse membership representing more than 50 individual maritime heritage and education organizations. It has held more than 100 day-long working meetings in Seattle, Vancouver, B.C., Portland, Tacoma, Olympia, Astoria, Victoria, Vancouver and Richmond, B.C., Port Townsend and other locations. The group has also hosted "behind-the-scenes" site visits to maritime heritage facilities within the region, completed organizational membership research, supported grant and historic designation requests, and promoted and testified on legislative proposals.

History: The PNWMHC was established partially as a result of the many regional maritime heritage projects and activities developed for the Washington State Centennial. Beginning in 1986, the Centennial's very active Maritime Committee organized a flotilla of historic and classic vessels that visited Puget Sound ports, and represented Washington at Canada's EXPO 86 World's Fair in Vancouver, B.C. This project was followed by other maritime heritage activities through the 1989 centennial year, and the International Maritime Bicentennial commemoration (Washington, Oregon, British Columbia) in 1992. The many positive working and personal relationships developed during the PNWMHC's decade-long, productive history have resulted in increased inter-organizational cooperation, information and resource sharing, as well as project enhancement success.

Future: Among the Council's programming priorities are: sharing programming strategies, collections and resources, co-hosting maritime education program conferences, building greater legislative awareness, developing an inter-organizational tourism marketing program, and establishing a regional maritime heritage newsletter and Internet web site.

Information: For more information about the **Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council** and its programs, write Chuck Fowler, Co-Coordinator, PNWMHC, 2518 Walnut Rd., N.W.; Olympia WA 98502-4110, call (360) 943-2858, fax (360) 943-5411 or e-mail nwnx@comcast.net.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARITIME HERITAGE COUNCIL

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May 13, 2009

The Honorable Patty Murray
United States Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell:

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Maritime Heritage Council, we support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. The national designation will be a significant, well-deserved recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Established almost 20 years ago following the Washington State Centennial, our group has long advocated the development of a regional approach to preserving and promoting our rich maritime heritage. It's mission is to "Bring together maritime heritage organizations in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia to preserve maritime history, strengthen maritime traditions and promote maritime culture through mutually beneficial, cooperative activities." A fact sheet is enclosed which provides more information about the Council.

National Maritime Heritage Area recognition will complement our Council efforts to more effectively preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources. This will allow us to further coordinate our nearly two decade old efforts with various group, maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities. I will lead to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources within Washington State. Greater heritage tourism related to these resources will provide long-term economic opportunities for local business and create jobs while honoring and enriching our maritime history.

Thank you for support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Dick Wagner, Council Co-Coordinator
Founding Director, Center for Wooden Boats
Seattle

Chuck Fowler, Council Co-Coordinator
President, Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society
Olympia

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December 31, 2009

Dr. Allyson Brooks
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
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Dear Allyson,

I am writing on behalf of the Polson Museum, to express our support of the proposed creation of a National Maritime Heritage Area in Washington State. As Grays Harbor's principal museum devoted to preserving, promoting, and presenting our region's history, the Polson is happy to serve as an enthusiastic partner in this effort. Especially as our museum works to complete our new Railroad Camp project – a major exhibit space devoted to Grays Harbor's logging and sawmilling history – we are now more active than ever in telling the important and inseparable story of water, timber, and rail on Washington's coast.

Federal designation of this Maritime Heritage Area is significant not only to organizations like ours whose mission it is to celebrate our maritime history, but to our communities at large whose economies are so tied to marine activities. While Grays Harbor's history as a major maritime exporter of lumber is legendary – peaking in the mid-1920s at over a *billion* board feet annually – the maritime economy today is no less significant to our area. Bulk export of timber products, grains, bio-fuels, and now automobiles all take place on the Harbor and help shape our collective identity.

As communities like Hoquiam, Aberdeen, and Cosmopolis seek to celebrate and promote their waterfronts as destinations for heritage tourism and recreation, federal designation as part of a Maritime Heritage Area becomes evermore important. In addition to boosting awareness of our region's past reliance on waterways for transportation and commerce, the plan would do much to encourage local leaders to promote thoughtful development of our waterfronts with an understanding of their historical significance.

One interesting side note worth mentioning given the sweeping circular-like area of the Heritage Area's coastal and inland boundaries is the now long forgotten proposal to build a canal connecting Grays Harbor with Puget Sound. As early as 1907, governmental studies and surveys were conducted to plan such a canal as a transportation link. Although never taken much farther than the drawing board, the idea nevertheless demonstrated the significant maritime ties Grays Harbor and Puget Sound have shared.

Thank you for giving us the chance to comment on this proposal and know that the Polson Museum is committed to helping in any way we can as the plan progresses. We have rich archives – especially photographically – that document Grays Harbor's maritime past and would be more than happy to share our resources as they are needed.

Best wishes in achieving this worthy goal and know that we wholeheartedly support it.

Sincerely,

John Larson
Director

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Dear Senators Murray and Cantwell:

The Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society, the oldest and largest maritime history organization in Washington State, strongly supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. Our more than 600 member organization believes that the national designation will be an important national and regional recognition of the unique and valuable maritime resources located along these waterways.

For more than 60 years, the Society has collected, preserved and promoted the Puget Sound region's rich maritime heritage. We have been proud to be an affiliate of Seattle's Museum of History and Industry for a half-century, and are pleased to be involved in the development of the new museum at Lake Union Park. In addition we are also a founding partner in the new nonprofit Maritime Event Center, the former Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center, on the Seattle waterfront. These two inter-related historical and also tourism-focused economic development efforts will be key parts of the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area, and they will enhance the presentation and programs of our Society and the maritime history resources of our partner organizations in Washington State.

The Society currently has in its collection more than 30,000 artifacts, 60,000 historic photographs, and 7000 ships plans and we also have published a widely-respected quarterly maritime history journal for more than 40 years. These are valuable resources that can be shared through the creation of a National Maritime Heritage Area. This will provide long-term economic and tourism development benefits for local business and create jobs while honoring and enriching our maritime history.

We appreciate your support for this significant Initiative.

Sincerely,



Chuck Fowler
President



June 2, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that nonprofit Sound Experience, which owns and operates the historic schooner *Adventuress*, supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. As a structure that is representative of the region's varied and valuable maritime heritage assets, *Adventuress* and her education mission will both benefit from and contribute to the success of this important designation.

The historic schooner *Adventuress*, built in 1913 as an arctic exploration ship, is also Puget Sound's environmental tall ship and sails from Olympia to Bellingham and the San Juan Islands from March through October every year to *educate, inspire and empower* all to care for Puget Sound. Through our environmental education and youth development programs, young people learn how their daily actions impact the health of the Sound and encourage lifelong watershed stewardship.

We are excited about the opportunity to partner in a deeper way to help preserve and promote the historic, cultural and natural resources that make both visiting and living in the region so rich. A Maritime National Heritage Area designation will strengthen the region economically and encourage tourism for local communities – in addition to stimulating preservation efforts.

On behalf of all of us at Sound Experience, we look forward to working with heritage and other organizations, cities, counties, and tribes to make this designation a reality – for the good of our region, our economy and the lives of all who live here.

Kindest personal regards,

Catherine Collins
Executive Director

From: Fauna Doyle
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2009 4:59 PM
To: Julia Warth
Subject: FW: Letter of Support

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From: robertpeckb@comcast.net [mailto:robertpeckb@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2009 2:33 PM
To: Fauna Doyle
Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Fauna:

On behalf of the South Sound Maritime Heritage Association, I am pleased to express our full support for the National Maritime Heritage Area proposal. It has long been our hope that greater regional and national appreciation of the maritime history of this part of the county might be cultivated and promoted. This is not only a region of the country full of spectacular scenery and outdoor pleasures, but it has played a crucial part in the early development of the entire country. From the early seaborne explorers to the cross-country exploits of Lewis and Clark, from the tragedy-comedy of the "Pig War" to the "full steam" races of the passenger boats--this has been a unique and exciting part of the country.

For over 35 years, the South Sound Maritime Historical Association of Olympia, has sponsored an annual race of vintage tug boats, bringing upwards of 40,000 people to our seafront where 25-30 tugs from all over the northwest can be visited and admired. The incorporation of this event and others in our part of the Sound, into a broader program of education, preservation and aggrandizement will contribute immeasurably to our efforts. We welcome the opportunity.

Your work to prepare the proposal is to be admired for its thorough research and diligent promotion. We are proud to grant our support and hope for its final approval.

Robert Peck, President
South Sound Maritime Heritage Association.

Jurisdictions and Public Agencies





RESOLUTION No. 2009 - _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION FOR PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN AND GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historical Preservation has prepared a discussion draft of a feasibility study that recommends inclusion of the city of Aberdeen in a proposed Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area;

WHEREAS, the city of Aberdeen's public development authority, the Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, has actively participated in the feasibility study and recommends inclusion of Aberdeen and Grays Harbor County in the designation;

WHEREAS, the designation will not affect local control over land use, increase federal regulation, create a new agency or impose new financial burdens on the city;

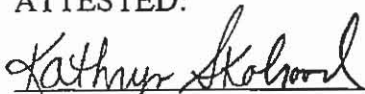
WHEREAS, the designation will allow an expanded partnership with the National Park Service for technical assistance to the city, the Seaport Authority, and other local entities promoting tourism;

WHEREAS, the designation will assist the Seaport Authority and the city in competitive grant applications, coordinating efforts with other entities, and in fulfilling the Seaport Authority's mission; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

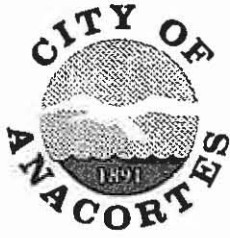
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF ABERDEEN: That the City of Aberdeen supports inclusion of the area one quarter mile landward of the saltwater shoreline of the city in the National Maritime Heritage Area as proposed by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historical Preservation in its draft feasibility study of September 2009.

PASSED and APPROVED on December 30, 2009.

ATTESTED:


Kathryn Skolrood, Finance Director


Bill Simpson, Mayor



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June 30, 2009

Congressman Rick Larsen
U.S. House of Representatives
108 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound National Maritime Heritage Area

Dear Honorable Congressman Rick Larsen:

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Sincerely,

CITY OF ANACORTES

H. Dean Maxwell, Mayor

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cc: Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
Anacortes Chamber of Commerce



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Governor Chris Gregoire
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June 19, 2009

Allyson Brooks
State Preservation Officer
1061 South Capital Way, Suite 106
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Re: Support of Proposed National Maritime Heritage Area

Dear Allyson:

I would like to join others in our community in supporting a Maritime National Heritage Area for Western Washington and would additionally encourage you to include our area as part of this designation.

Our region is home to some of the most significant natural, cultural and historic resources in Washington. A Maritime National Heritage would be a means of recognizing, enhancing and preserving these valuable resources.

The designation would greatly benefit the Blaine community by increasing economic prosperity through tourism. It would also encourage us to further protect and enhance our rich maritime heritage.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Tomsic
City Manager

Blaine Neighborhood Association
 *Salishan Chapter* 

June 12, 2009

Ms. Allyson Brooks
WA State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation
1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

Our Association is writing to tell you of our *exceptionally strong support* for the concept of a National Maritime Heritage Area for Washington State. We understand that this is currently a feasibility study managed by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation as conducted by the firm of Berk and Associates and seed funded by the Washington State Legislature.

With the help of BTAC funding and the approval of Blaine City Council, in 1996 our Association published the booklet, Blaine's Historic Homes, Buildings, and Churches: Three Self-Guided Walking Tours. It contains information that is pertinent to Blaine's Maritime Culture. It explains the many activities of the working waterfront at the turn of the century, points out the "mansions" built by owners of lumber mills and shop keepers, and identifies the homes of those who made their living at sea and along the waterfront. There is even information about the last family to serve as light keepers on Patos Island and a picture of their well cared for home which is still in service in Blaine. Our neighborhood is a short walk from Drayton Harbor and the Blaine Wharf, and therefore many homes, buildings, and churches in Blaine's Historic District are directly related to the maritime culture that this project is trying to identify and celebrate.

Being an exceptionally lovely coastal community of approximately 4,200 people, there are a number of marine and marine-related heritage resources that Blaine would bring to the table of a National Marine Heritage Area. The following list briefly highlights a fraction of Blaine's maritime assets.

- In 1909 Blaine was the third largest port of entry in Washington State (preceded by Seattle and Tacoma).
- The first salmon cannery in Whatcom County was built on Semiahmoo Spit in 1881 by John Martin and James Tarte. In 1891 it was sold to Daniel Drysdale

who formed the Alaska Packers Association. In 1893 Drysdale established the first fish trap at Point Roberts and his cannery packed 36,244 cases of sockeye. By 1906 the Alaska Packers Association was the largest canning company in the world.

- The existing wharfs at Semiahmoo were home to the Alaska Packers' fabled tall ships and row boats.
- The H. L. Jenkins Lumber Company was one of several mills on the shores of Blaine. In 1906 it cut 100,000,000 feet of lumber, 200,000,000 shingles, and 100,000,000 laths. The Company had offices in Blaine, Seattle, Vancouver and Douglas (B.C.), Miriam Park (Minnesota), San Diego, San Francisco, New York City, and Hong Kong. The home of its Treasurer, Star K. Rounds, stands at 240 G Street.
- The Oyster tide flats in Drayton Harbor have been farmed since 1905 when the Drayton Harbor Oyster Company planted 20 of the eventual 500 acres using seven boxcar loads of seed oysters from Connecticut.
- The Blaine Lighthouse was built in 1905 at a cost of \$25,000. It was taken down in 1944. There are plans to rebuild it on Marine Drive in an area designated as Lighthouse Point by Blaine's Master Wharf Plan.
- The Peace Arch monument contains a piece of the Mayflower and a piece of the Beaver (the first ship to sail through the Northwest Passage).
- The classic Berg Shipyard built naval ships under contract with the U.S. Navy for use in World War I.
- Westman's Shipyard on Marine Drive has repaired and restored many historic vessels.
- Blaine's three historic walking tours follow the Drayton Harbor shoreline.
- Blaine Harbor has a large number of working ships and pleasure craft. It is part of the downtown core and is the centerpiece of annual events such as Drayton Harbor Days, our Steam Boat Festival, and the Plover water craft competition.
- The M. V. Plover ferry shuttles people between Blaine and Semiahmoo from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It is registered as a National Historic Vessel.
- The Blaine Fisherman's Memorial is an outdoor, sheltered sanctuary where the names of those lost at sea are listed and remembered. The annual Easter Sunrise Service commemorates their lives.
- The Lady Washington makes periodic visits to Blaine.
- The life-size Vigil statue in Blaine's downtown H Street Plaza depicts a turn-of-the-century family waiting for loved ones to return from the sea.
- Historic Blaine cemetery is the resting place of many fishermen and their families.
- Blaine's train station is located on Drayton Harbor. At the turn of the century it was a key ingredient of the working waterfront. Plans are currently underway to relocate it to Plover Park in the Wharf District for use as a museum, function hall, and a community hub.
- The burial grounds and middens of the Salish Indians were identified approximately ten years ago on the Semiahmoo coastline near the entrance to the Spit and are now protected.

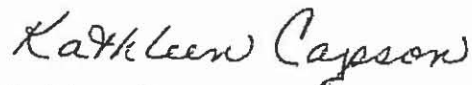
- The small maritime museum at Semiahmoo Park contains many treasures of local history.
- The Marine Sanctuary at Point Roberts is impressive.
- The Nature Preserve at Point Whitehorn is beautiful.

We believe that strengthening partnership and collaboration among maritime interests is necessary for the success of a project such as this. No single community has the expertise to achieve and sustain the status of a well-created National resource.

It is our hope that the consultants find enough interest to recommend the waters of Washington as a viable National Heritage Area which celebrate Washington State's Maritime Culture. We know of several other groups in Blaine that are very interested in seeing this concept succeed.

Please keep our Association informed of the project's progress. Thank you very much for your service to the betterment of Washington State, especially by earmarking its heritage and culture, history and beauty.

Yours Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Blaine's Historic Homes, Buildings, and Churches: Three Self-Guided Walking Tours Highlighting Blaine's Early History. Co-authors: Kathleen Capson and Susan Sturgill.



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7 July 2009

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RE: National Maritime Heritage Area

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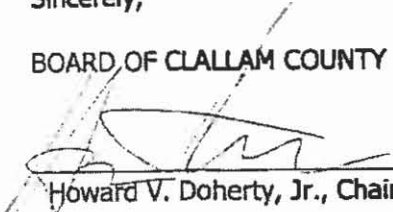
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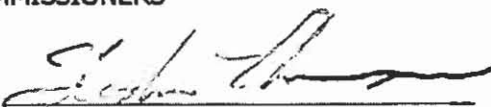
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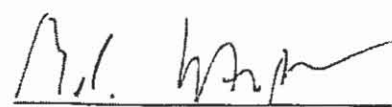
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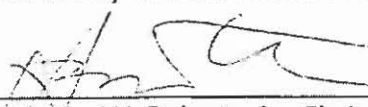
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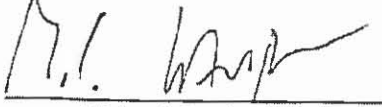
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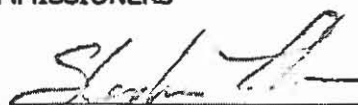
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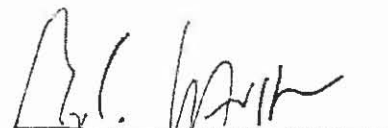
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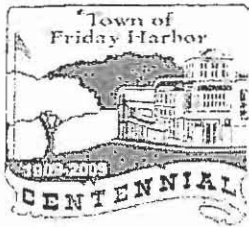
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The Honorable Christine Gregoire
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Re: National Maritime Heritage Area
Feasibility Study

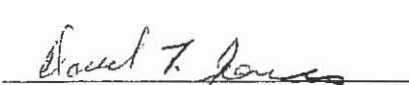
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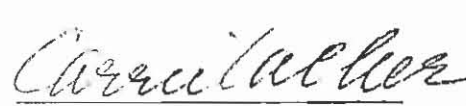
We, the Mayor and Town Council of Friday Harbor, support the proposal to study the designation of Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This type of national designation may be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable assets along these waterways.

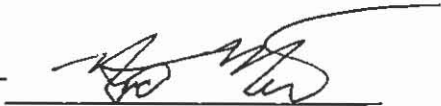
A properly designated national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. It will also help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

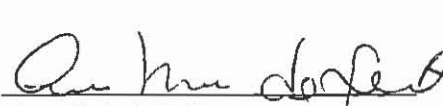
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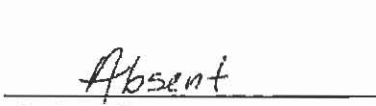

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A National Heritage Area *Celebrating and Supporting* Washington State's Maritime Culture

OVERVIEW

Beginning with coastal canoe cultures and continuing to superferries and superfreighters, Western Washington's community and commerce has grown on our saltwater shores. The story of our maritime heritage is a key to understanding ourselves as a region. It is also a story of national importance, reflecting a unique way of life in a place like no other.

A variety of groups—from heritage societies to ports to Native American tribes and intertribal organizations—have worked diligently to protect and celebrate our living maritime heritage. However, many of those groups have also struggled to maintain volunteer support, raise funds, and build sustainable organizations.

Today, Washington's maritime heritage community is working towards a new partnership throughout the region. Individual groups believe that telling a bigger story—one that brings together old and new, the Pacific and Puget Sound, large craft and small—will engage more of the public and better share the history, drama and excitement of our maritime stories.

Local organizations are considering a new designation for Washington's maritime resources as a National Heritage Area—the first National Heritage Area in the country to be focused on maritime heritage. This designation would raise awareness of our heritage resources with a national audience and support expanded cooperation among the maritime heritage groups working in Washington.

At this stage of the process, the State legislature has provided seed funding to complete a feasibility study for a National Heritage Area. Our heritage resources are of exceptional quality and interest. However, supporting a National Heritage Area requires more than great ships, museums, and events. It also requires strong grassroots support, a stable organization, and reliable funding. These are the critical issues the feasibility study is addressing.

Developing the proposal for a new National Heritage Area will require new and strengthened partnerships among heritage groups, local governments, and coastal tribes. The feasibility study is focused on reaching out to those groups, as well as the general public, to understand whether a National Heritage Area designation makes sense for Western Washington's maritime resources.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a National Heritage Area?

National Heritage Areas are places designated by Congress to recognize nationally important natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources. Today, there are over 40 national heritage areas throughout the United States.

There is no increased federal regulation associated with National Heritage Areas. Instead, the designation supports local citizens to preserve, share and promote our own heritage, with full local control.

How do communities benefit from National Heritage Area designation?

National Heritage Areas provide a range of benefits to local communities:

- Designation as a National Heritage Area can raise awareness of the quality and importance of local history, helping communities preserve their historic resources and share the story of their past
- Increased heritage tourism provides economic benefits to heritage organizations, as well as restaurants, lodging, and other community businesses.
- Better coordination between heritage groups strengthens the ability to compete for grant funding.
- National Heritage Areas receive technical assistance from the National Park Service to support development and operations.
- In the past, National Heritage Areas have received some federal funding, although future funding of the program is uncertain.

What would the boundaries for National Heritage Area include?

The feasibility study includes Washington State's saltwater shoreline north from Willapa Bay, through the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and around Puget Sound to the Canadian border. In addition, the study area extends into Seattle to include Lake Union. Pacific County's shoreline is not included.

The proposed boundary will not be finalized until outreach is completed and stakeholders have voiced their opinion. Because the feasibility study is focused only on maritime heritage, the boundaries will likely include resources like vessels, specific sites such as lighthouses and maritime-related facilities, and visitor facilities with a maritime theme. Local or tribal government must support any land or facility within their jurisdiction being proposed as part of the National Heritage Area designation.

How are National Heritage Areas managed?

First, it's important to emphasize that "management" does not imply that the National Heritage Area has any authority over land use, public lands policy or privately-owned resources. Management is focused on coordinating the activities of voluntarily participants in the National Heritage Area. Typical management activities might include:

- Maintaining communication between museums, ports, owners of historic vessels and other heritage-type organizations;
- Developing marketing programs to encourage heritage tourism;
- Applying for and managing grant funds;
- Sponsoring events, festivals, or other heritage-oriented activities.

National Heritage Areas have a range of options for management organizations. Around the country National Heritage Areas are managed by non-profit organizations, state or local agencies, or a specially appointed commission.

At this time, the study team expects that a private non-profit organization is the most likely type of management group for a National Heritage Area in Washington. Designation does not provide the management organization or any federal agency with the authority to regulate land. The management entity is also prohibited from using any federal funds it may receive through enabling legislation to acquire property.

Who is leading the feasibility study?

The feasibility study is being managed by the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, with guidance by a steering committee assembled for this project. The steering committee includes representatives from tribes, local and state government, heritage organizations, and other interested stakeholders. The steering committee's ultimate recommendations will be guided by the results of the public outreach from the feasibility study.

What happens next if the Steering Committee requests designation of a National Heritage Area?

If stakeholders support moving forward, the state would request our federal congressional delegation to introduce legislation authorizing the development of the new National Heritage Area.

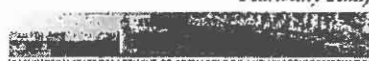
If this legislation is successful, the management organization for the National Heritage Area would then create a management plan for the heritage area, and would be authorized to receive federal funds if funding is available. The management plan would typically include an education plan, the rehabilitation of historic sites or vessels, a tourism enhancement strategy, a strategy for improvement of local museums, and similar activities.

The authority to implement the management plan would be local, resting in the hands of willing local officials and the actions of local organizations.

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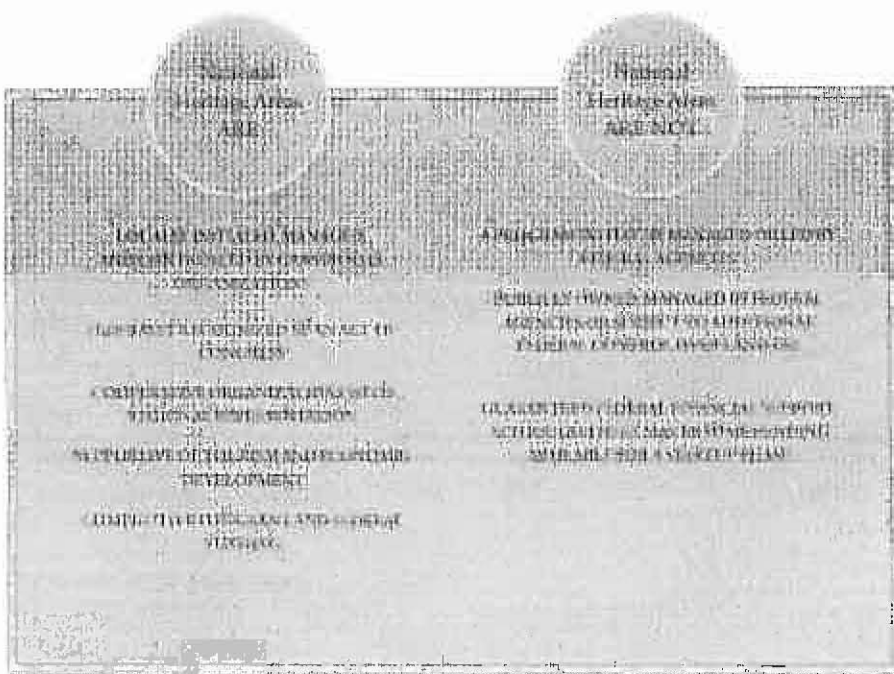
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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



The feasibility study is involving state, local, and tribal governments, heritage organizations, ports, tourism organizations, landowners, and the general public to evaluate whether a National Heritage Area designation makes sense to support Washington's maritime resources. If you have additional questions or would like an opportunity to comment on the proposal, please contact:

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Feasibility Study Overview

RESOLUTION NO. 801

**A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE AREA IN
WESTERN WASHINGTON; EXPRESSING THE CITY OF
GIG HARBOR'S SUPPORT FOR SUCH A DESIGNATION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is a historic maritime city, with an economy and culture based on maritime related activities and industry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gig Harbor is committed to the preservation, enhancement and promotion of its historic, cultural and natural resources for the benefit of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Gig Harbor's historic resources, along with its natural marine setting, are major strategic assets that should be enhanced and leveraged economically for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, increased heritage tourism will provide long term economic opportunities for local businesses, while honoring and enriching Gig Harbor's heritage; and

WHEREAS, increased heritage tourism planning and coordination between Gig Harbor and other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, will lead to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources, while also providing economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, National Heritage Areas are nonregulatory federal designations that provide access to federal funding sources and technical assistance not otherwise available for preservation and heritage related activities; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a National Maritime Heritage Area in Western Washington is consistent with these objectives and Gig Harbor's existing preservation policies, and will further the economic prosperity and quality of life for Gig Harbor residents and its visitors; now, therefore;

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

That the City Council expresses its support for the establishment of a National Maritime

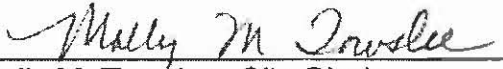
Heritage Area in Western Washington.

RESOLVED this 14th day of September, 2009.



Charles L. Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

Filed with City Clerk: 08/12/09

Passed by City Council: 09/14/09



January 5, 2010

Ms. Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Letter of support for Designation of National Maritime Heritage Area

Grays Harbor College joins other community entities in enthusiastically supporting the proposal to designate a National Maritime Heritage Area in Western Washington, which would include Aberdeen and Grays Harbor. This national designation brings significant recognition to the unique attributes of our region, as well as confirming the value of these maritime assets.

This designation as a National Maritime Heritage Area will support efforts by so many local organizations to preserve, enhance and promote our waterfront. The Grays Harbor College campus already offers experiences in a natural watershed and wetlands surrounding our Lake Swano. Interpretive trails create an outdoor classroom for our students; the community is welcome to explore this feature as well. We envision the National Maritime Heritage Area would create similar educational experiences, protect these treasured resources and also draw more visitors to our entire area.

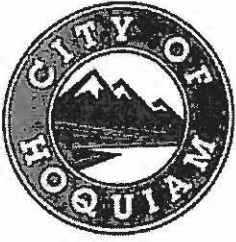
The proposed designation is vital to the survival and enhancement of our community. Evidence of its importance is apparent by the involvement of so many Harbor organizations, banding together in support of the National Maritime Heritage declaration. We share a two-sided concern about protecting these waterways and also focusing attention on our region as a way of increasing the tourism industry. The area's long-term economic goals will definitely be enriched by this designation.

Thank you for including the saltwater coast area of Grays Harbor in the proposal to create a National Maritime Heritage Area. The resulting recognition is so important to our community, while the importance of protecting water resources extends way beyond Grays Harbor. We appreciate your efforts on this project.

Sincerely,

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Ed Brewster
President



CITY OF HOQUIAM

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December 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As Mayor of the City of Hoquiam I support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a National Maritime Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Designation as a national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. Designation will help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhances protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

The designation will fit into our Hometown Hoquiam community planning process which recognizes historic preservation as a vital community and economic development tool. As the only Certified Local Government in Grays Harbor County, we recognize the importance of preserving our past for future generations.

I look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefits recognition will bring to our communities.

Sincerely,

Jack Durney
Mayor

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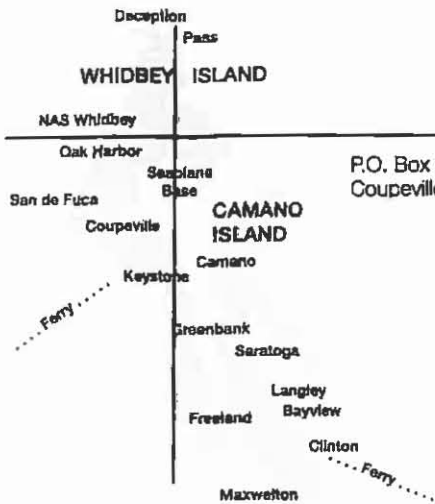
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June 8, 2009

Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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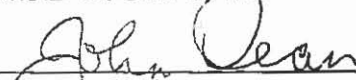
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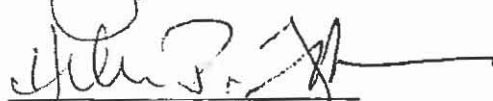
The Board of Island County Commissioners enthusiastically supports designating Washington State saltwater coastlines as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This designation raises to national status the maritime heritage that Island County has long recognized and celebrates on a daily basis.

Inspired by such maritime roots as mid-1800 shipbuilding at Utsalady on Camano Island and the county seat's namesake sea captain Thomas Coupe's first sail of a fully-rigged ship through Deception Pass, we are excited about the prospects associated with national designation, including a higher level of recognition, increased programming, marketing, and fundraising opportunities.

We look forward to being a part of this new designation, and hope you will let us know how we might further support your efforts.

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July 16, 2009

Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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Dear Ms. Brooks:

I am excited about the work by the Washington Maritime Heritage Feasibility Study Team potentially leading to designation of Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as the nation's first Maritime National Heritage area. This would be a marvelous way to recognize the significant maritime assets along these waterways, and it would greatly complement local efforts to promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that contribute to our region's maritime story.

Four years ago, my predecessor King County Executive Ron Sims spoke at the anniversary celebration recognizing four decades of wastewater treatment success at the county's South Treatment Plant at Renton. He praised the generation that invested in that treatment plant to clean up Lake Washington and went on to say, "We must turn this clean-water legacy into a campaign that galvanizes the public to see the Puget Sound recovery as important as the cleaning up of Lake Washington was 40 years ago."

Designation of our saltwater coast will complement King County's efforts to coordinate with other organizations and jurisdictions, leading to better protections, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources.

I appreciate the opportunity to write this letter of support. I hope it will help facilitate recognition of this irreplaceable resource.

Sincerely,

Kurt Triplett

King County Executive



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DENISE DYER, MANAGER

December 23, 2009

Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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To Whom It May Concern:

Pierce County is pleased to support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as a Maritime National Heritage Area.

My support is contingent upon the feasibility study and establishment documents containing strong and clear language stating that the designation will not increase land-use regulation or be used to hinder development. I would not support a plan that includes land use restrictions or one that would require the designation be taken into account when considering regulatory issues or environmental impact studies. Also, the Discussion Draft presents a proposed composition of the Steering Committee. I would prefer to see greater representation by cities, counties and ports.

I believe the designation will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the rich maritime resources of our area. We believe our waterfront is important to our quality of life and is an economic and cultural asset. Tourism and International Trade and Logistics are both important industry clusters for Pierce County, and both rely on our waterfront as an integral component of our economic future.

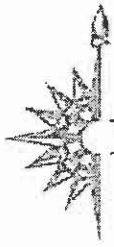
We look forward to the recognition and the benefits it will bring to Western Washington.

Sincerely,

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Denise Dyer
Manager





Port of Everett

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RE: Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area Feasibility Study

Dear Ms. Brooks,

The Port of Everett appreciates the opportunity to participate in the stakeholder outreach currently underway with regard to the proposed designation of Washington's maritime resources (Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound) as a National Heritage Area.

This letter is meant to supplement the verbal comments I made at the stakeholder's meeting in Anacortes on April 24th.

The Port is supportive of the feasibility study approach that DAHP is taking. Based on the information that is available to us at this time, the proposed designation appears to offer several beneficial aspects:

- The potential for increased heritage tourism to community businesses
- Raising awareness of the quality and importance of local history
- Improved coordination between heritage groups to strengthen the ability to compete for grant funding

We recognize that the feasibility study process is in its very early stages and that more details will certainly emerge. As your evaluation process moves forward, the Port would like to offer several topics that should be fully explored:

- Management of the proposed National Heritage Area. What is the range of options for management in Washington State? Our cursory review of the available literature on the feasibility study indicates that the management organization of such a Heritage area would not have the authority to regulate land use. Would that restriction be written in to the enabling legislation for the designation in Washington State?
- Land use implications. Could the National Heritage Area designation lead to unintended land use or other regulatory conflicts over how we, as a Port District,

carry out our mission as a transportation facility of statewide significance? Should consideration be given to exempting active marine industrial areas from the designation?

- Scope and scale of the project. Is it possible to consider a pilot or demonstration project involving a maritime community in Puget Sound or on the coast, which might yield valuable information about how the National Heritage Designation works in our state?

Please note that the Port of Everett would welcome an opportunity to talk in more detail with your public outreach staff about our comments.

We will look for future opportunities to provide additional comments as more specific information regarding the proposed Washington State National Maritime Area designation becomes available.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John M. Mohr
Executive Director

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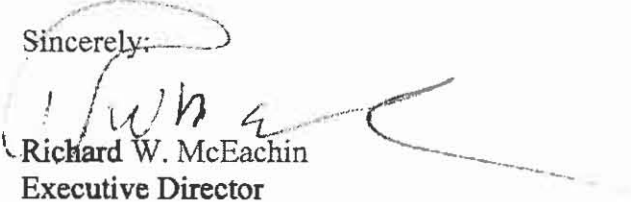
Dear Dr. Brooks:

The Port of Hoodspart supports the National Maritime Heritage Area project as outlined in your proposal and feasibility study.

We feel this project will encourage tourism, while at the same time promote the much needed economic development to the area.

We look forward to watching your project go forward.

Sincerely:


Richard W. McEachin
Executive Director



July 28, 2009

Ms. Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation Officer
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1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area

Dear Ms. Brooks:

Thank you for your timely and informative presentation to the Port Commission regarding the proposal to establish The Washington State National Maritime Heritage Area. As you are aware, Clallam County and the Port of Port Angeles have a long and rich maritime history and the proposal would help educate the public and supplement current efforts to promote tourism and knowledge of that local legacy. Designation of the Puget Sound and Washington Coast as a National Heritage Area as we understand it will give local organizations the authority to manage and provide cooperative efforts to raise awareness to a national audience of the tremendous asset we have in the State of Washington.

We recognize that this proposal is in the feasibility stage and while we are supportive, want to make sure that this process will not lead to a program that will be managed or lead by Federal Agencies and that it does not represent another layer of regulatory authority or will limit our ability to provide waterborne commerce and activities. We view the establishment of the Heritage Area as a benefit to the local economies, especially if the management and control remains within the coastal communities of Washington State.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and others in the State and look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefits the National Maritime Heritage designation will bring to our Port district and community.

Sincerely,

PORT OF PORT ANGELES

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Interim Executive Director.

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Dr. Allyson Brooks
State Historic Preservation Officer
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Dear Dr. Brooks:

Thank you for joining our Port Commission at their September 3 meeting. Your overview of the proposed designation of Washington's saltwater shoreline as a National Heritage Area was helpful and informative.

The Port of Tacoma fully supports the goals of increasing the visibility of Washington's unique maritime heritage and promoting heritage tourism and economic development. We're very proud of our role, both historic and current, in the growth of Tacoma's working waterfront. Your presentation noted that waterfronts are dynamic places that are constantly adapting to new opportunities and changing technologies. Such is true at the Port of Tacoma where redevelopment is necessary to support our existing customers, recruit new businesses, and cleanup contaminated properties.

In your presentation, you noted that the National Heritage program is not a regulatory program and that it will not be used to prevent redevelopment of port lands or other valuable shoreline development assets. In your presentation, you also noted that recommended legislative language will include notation that such "designation is not intended to directly or indirectly regulate land use, public land policy, or private activity." We also note that the addition of a representative of the Washington Public Ports Association on the Steering Committee will be a significant factor in both assuring the rights of Washington State ports and of promoting Maritime Heritage as part of our State's Tourism plan.

With the understanding that these assurances will be carried in the Feasibility Study and in the legislation, we support the proposal.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Farrell
Executive Director

c: Port Commission
Washington Public Ports Association

City of Port Townsend

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250 Madison, Suite 2

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June 8, 2009

Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer
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1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Port Townsend, Washington supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

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We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefit recognition will bring to our communities.

Regards,

Michelle Sandoval
Mayor



San Juan County Council

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April 28, 2009

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
Office of the Governor
302 14th Avenue S.W.
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The San Juan County Council supports the proposal to study the designation of Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This type of national designation may be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

A properly designated national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. It will also help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

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Sincerely,

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CC: Allyson Brooks, Allyson.Brooks@dahp.wa.gov

Amy Taylor

From: Liz Illg [lizillg@rockisland.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2009 11:50 AM
To: Liz Illg
Subject: National Maritime Heritage Area Recommended for Support
Attachments: Sample Letter of Support.pdf; What is a National Heritage Area.pdf

Dear Councilmembers,

I've attended two stakeholder meetings on the proposed National Maritime Heritage Area designation and recommend participation in the process. The goal of the designation is to encourage and strengthen partnerships and collaboration among maritime interests for the purpose of economic development and heritage tourism. Generated originally by members of the Center for Wooden Boats, the concept was broadened by the Washington State Legislature to include up to 1/4 mile of Washington's marine coastline from the Canadian border to Willapa Bay. Some of the resources identified as intrinsic elements of our Scenic Byway would qualify for inclusion. These resources include lighthouses, historic vessels with public access, working seaports, historic maritime collections and exhibits, and public places with great maritime stories. Looking at the initial representation of resources in the San Juans, I felt the need to request the inclusion of Roche Harbor and Deer Harbor. Some folks from Stuart Island's Turn Point Light House group were also there and asked to be included.

Presentations on the proposal have taken place in seven different cities around the area, involving local and tribal governments, ports, maritime heritage organizations and institutions and interested individuals. A draft feasibility study will be completed in the next few months with funding from the Washington State Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation.

Additional public and stakeholder meetings will be offered to hear comments. A final study will be submitted to the National Park Service for review before being submitted to Washington's congressional delegation for sponsorship.

A tentative partnership between the Washington State Trust for Historic Preservation and the Pacific Northwest Marine Heritage Organization is being proposed as the management entity. Drawing on leadership from heritage groups, it is intended that the newly crafted organization will provide administrative oversight to develop a management plan. Stakeholders such as the Puget Sound Partnership, the Center for Wooden Boats, the Washington State Association of Port Authorities and others are expected to be included on the steering committee.

Concerns pertaining to potential regulatory and property impacts were addressed at the second meeting. The National Heritage Area program as it exists now has no regulatory intent, authority or impact. A management organization does not have eminent domain authority, and it cannot acquire property with any federal funding provided by the NHA program.

Local and tribal governments, organizations, institutions and individuals are being asked to submit letters of support. Any jurisdiction or organization that wishes to be included as a designated maritime resource, or endorses the concept, should write a letter. More information can be obtained at www.maritimeheritage.net. Please let me know if I can provide more information to you or your group.

Liz

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Snohomish County

August 20, 2009

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Dear Governor Gregoire:

I am writing to you in support of the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

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I look forward to the recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefit recognition will bring to our communities. If you have any questions or would like to reach me for additional information please call me at 425.388.3494 or email Brian.Sullivan@snoco.org.

All my best,

Brian Sullivan
Snohomish County Councilmember
District 2

✓ Cc: Allyson Brooks Ph.D., Director of the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation



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July 22, 2009

The Honorable Christine Gregoire
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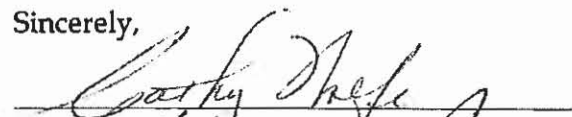
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Sincerely,


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July 30, 2009

The Honorable Norm Dicks
United States House of Representatives
2467 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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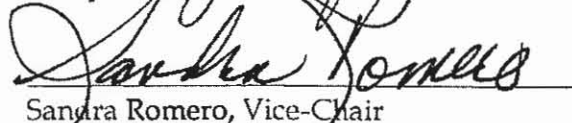
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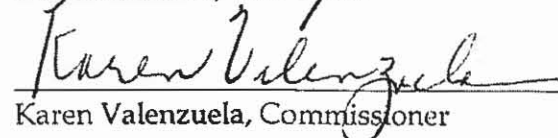
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United States Senate
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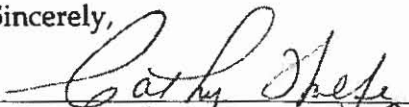
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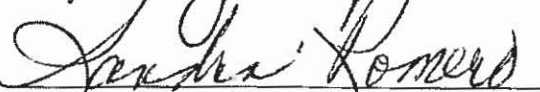
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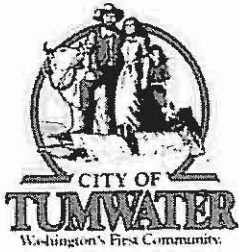
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December 9, 2009

Governor Chris Gregoire
Office of the Governor
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

The City of Tumwater is eager to support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will play an important part in retaining and promoting Tumwater's heritage.

Tumwater is the oldest permanent American settlement located at the mouth of the Deschutes River where it cataracts into the Puget Sound at its most southerly point. The City of Tumwater is adjacent to and shares a portion of its boundaries with the State Capital.

The Coastal Salish Indian groups whose descendants are members of the tribes now known as Nisqually, Squaxin Island, and Chehalis gathered shellfish and frequented the inlets and prairies of Puget Sound for centuries before Euro-American exploration and settlement. The rivers of the County were long-established sites for salmon harvesting and the beaches were replete with shellfish, harvested by native peoples.

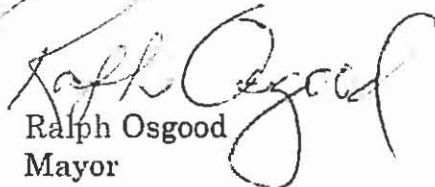
When the city was founded in 1845, it was named New Market. By 1863, the city was known as "Tumwater", the Chinook jargon word for a waterfall. Tumwater, known as "Washington's First Community," was the starting point for further American settlements at Olympia, Seattle, Whidbey Island, and other points on Puget Sound. The City's early growth and development were greatly influenced by the close proximity to the power generating falls of the Deschutes River, the nearby saltwater access of Puget Sound for transportation and communication, and the abundance of timber in the area.

Tumwater is now the third largest city in Thurston County. The Puget Sound has been and always will be an important aspect to our heritage. The protection and recognition of these waterways is important to our community as an economic enrichment and to encourage education and tourism. Designating the Western Washington Coast and Puget Sound as a Maritime National Heritage Area will take us one step closer to preserving this vital natural resource for future generations.

We are fortunate to live in a region that has a strong community interest in preserving our heritage and marine ecosystem. I am confident that if our region is identified as a Maritime National Heritage Area there will be immense support through citizens in the community, historical societies, heritage organizations and local governmental jurisdictions. Designation as a national heritage area will complement our efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story.

The City of Tumwater looks forward to the recognition of our saltwater coast and Puget Sound as being a nationally significant heritage resource. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage. If my office can be of further assistance or answer any additional questions please call (360) 754-4120.

Sincerely,



Ralph Osgood
Mayor

Rex Derr
Director



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December 30, 2009

Allyson Brooks, Ph.D, Director
Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
PO Box 40600
Olympia, Washington 98504-0600

Dear Dr. Brooks:

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Thank you for your presentation of the feasibility study for the Washington State National Maritime Heritage to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission at its last meeting in Centralia. The Commission appreciated your efforts to help them understand this excellent new opportunity.

On behalf of the Commission, I am providing an endorsement for establishing the National Heritage Area along the Washington State coast. The near and long-past history of Washington State is closely aligned with its marine waters. The National Heritage Area will help focus attention on that important link to the maritime.

As the National Heritage Area becomes a reality, please keep the state parks in mind. We are preserving many of the historic properties associated with the Washington State maritime, from the coastal forts to the ocean beaches. The state parks are also destinations and excellent places to tell the story.

Thank you again for bringing this new opportunity to the attention of the Commissioners and agency staff. I have asked Larry Fairleigh, Assistant Director to coordinate with you as the National Heritage Area implementation proceeds. Larry may be contacted at (360) 902-8642 or by E-mail at: larry.fairleigh@parks.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Rex".

Rex Derr,
Director

cc: Larry Fairleigh, Assistant Director

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PARKS & RECREATION**

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Parks Operations Manager

June 3, 2009

Allyson Brooks
State Preservation Officer
1063 South Capital Way, Suit 106
Olympia, WA 98501

RE: Support of Proposed National Maritime Heritage Area

Dear Ms. Brooks,

The Whatcom County Parks & Recreation Department supports the proposal to designate a National Maritime Heritage Area in Western Washington. As stewards of some of the most significant natural, cultural, and historic resources in the area, we see the proposal as a means of enhancing recognition and support for our mission.

Many of our Whatcom County Parks preserve important parts of our maritime heritage. Lily Point Marine Reserve at Point Roberts protects upland and tideland areas that were important to Straits Salish reef net fisheries, as well as the site of a later cannery operation that shaped the development of the community. Semiahmoo Park near Blaine preserves structures from the A.P.A. Semiahmoo Cannery, as well as over 3,500 artifacts from the cannery operation, utilized in exhibits at an on-site museum.

Other county parks provide recreational access, interpretive information and preservation of marine sites at Birch Bay, Point Whitehorn and Chuckanut Bay.

National Maritime Heritage Area designation will likely focus attention on continued preservation of natural and historic values of this area, yielding rewarding experiences for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Michael McFarlane, Director

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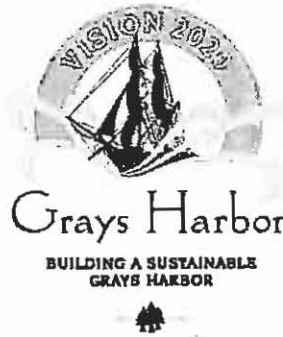




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April 22, 2009

Dear Congressman Dicks,

Grays Harbor 2020 would like to express our strong support for designating Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This National designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Grays Harbor Vision 2020 is a grassroots visioning project by and for the people of Grays Harbor County. Several actions in our strategic plan are aligned with the designation of a national heritage area. Grays Harbor is rich with history, culture, and natural resources that have made up our past and future maritime stories. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our maritime heritage. For us, it is imperative that the coastal areas, and particularly Grays Harbor, be included in the final designation.

We look forward to recognition of our nationally significant saltwater coast and the benefits recognition will bring to our community.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa J. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa J. Smith
President



April 21, 2009

Allyson Brooks,
State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation
1063 South Capital Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

To Whom It May Concern:

The Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area.

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Lynda Eccles
Executive Director
Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce

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June 2, 2009

Hon. Patty Murray, US Senator
915 2nd Ave, Suite 2988
Seattle, WA 98174

Dear Senator Murray,

The Island County Economic Development Council supports the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Our Council is proud to represent Whidbey and Camano Islands, both of which contain a varied and rich maritime heritage. Native populations, military security, pioneer farming, and wooden vessel history are but a few of the important contributions these Islands have given the State of Washington and our nation.

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June 2, 2009

Hon. Maria Cantwell, US Senator
915 2nd Ave, Suite 3206
Seattle, WA 98174

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June 2, 2009

Hon. Rick Larsen, US Representative
2930 Wetmore Ave, Suite 9E
Everett, WA 98201

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President

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A Pope Resources Company

July 13, 2009

Dr. Allyson Brooks
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
1063 South Capitol Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Dr. Brooks,

Re: Washington States Marine National Heritage Area

Pope Resources MLP (Pope) and their real estate subsidiary Olympic Property Group (OPG) support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. This national designation will be an important and appropriate recognition of the unique and valuable maritime assets along these waterways.

Pope owns Port Gamble, a National Historic Landmark District. Port Gamble was founded in 1853, the same year Washington became a territory. It is now the last company owned town on Puget Sound. As the towns' stewards the company has worked long and hard to preserve and promote this important piece of northwest history.

We believe the creation of a National Heritage Area will valuable for Port Gamble and similar properties as it will create a regional context for our Puget Sound maritime heritage. Port Gamble will be less of a singular experience and now become part of a larger, more important story. Designation will help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

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Regards,

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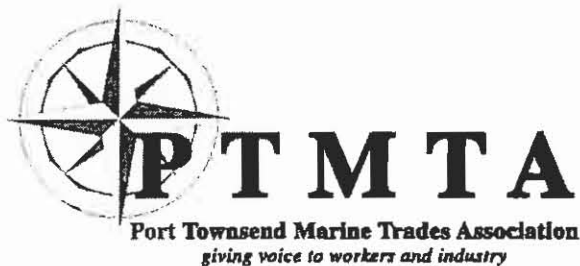
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cc: Governor Christine Gregoire



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November 5, 2009

Berk & Associates and Steering Committee for
Washington State
NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE AREA
Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Dear Steering Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Port Townsend Marine Trades Association, of which I am the current Chairman. I attended a workshop in Port Townsend in June and hence presented the concepts to our board members and gave them the link to your web site. At a subsequent Board Meeting a motion was approved for me to submit a Letter of Support.

We whole-heartily support the proposed designation as a National Heritage Area Washington's coastline along the Pacific, Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound. We understand that such designation could support heritage tourism, provide new funding for community-based museums, support working waterfronts and this region's maritime industry and raise awareness of marine resources and the health of resource-based industries.

The maritime activities in our community of Port Townsend support about 400 jobs in the marine trades. There are many other businesses that have jobs for people in our community as a result of their support roles, whether supplying materials or services, to those businesses and trades people working to build and repair vessels. Port Townsend is known as a Victorian Seaport and is a destination for many tourists. Designation as a National Heritage Area can only help our community remain vibrant in the maritime heritage arena. The tourist sector and the marine trades sector in Port Townsend could bring valuable resources to this effort.

We wish the steering committee much success in this effort.

Sincerely,
Leslie Schnick
Chairman, Port Townsend Marine Trades Association

Individuals





June 5, 2009

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The Honorable Chris Gregoire
Office of the Governor
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Olympia, WA 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregoire:

I am writing in support of the proposal to designate western Washington's coast and Puget Sound a Maritime National Heritage Area. I am a life-long resident of Washington State who has understood the value of our maritime heritage. I have written a history of the recently demolished schooner *Wawona*, listed on the Washington Heritage Register, and I am keenly aware of the fragility of our maritime past. I am also project manager for Maritime Heritage Network, www.maritimeheritage.net, which is a virtual destination for learning about the museums, ships, lighthouses, and other resources preserved by thousands of individuals in our state. My work on Maritime Heritage Network has given me first-hand knowledge of the value of a National Heritage Area designation.

Designation as a National Heritage Area will complement efforts to preserve and promote the historic, cultural, and natural resources that make up our region's maritime story. Designation will help us coordinate our efforts with other organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and economic development and tourism promotion entities, leading to the enhanced protection, richer interpretation, and stronger promotion of these resources. An increase in heritage tourism related to these resources will bring long-term economic opportunities for local business while honoring and enriching our heritage.

I urge you to work with our congressional delegation to pass legislation in the current session creating a Maritime National Heritage Area for our state.

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Follansbee

November 20, 2009

Alice Winship
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Re: The proposal to designate
Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound
as a National Maritime Heritage Area

Chris Glanister
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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our support for the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound as a National Maritime Heritage Area. We are pleased that the national significance of the maritime resources of our region may be recognized in this way.

We believe this designation will be a highly effective way to promote cooperation between organizations that will expand efforts to educate the public in the cultural heritage of this area.

As long-time volunteers with various maritime non-profit organizations, we are familiar with the vessels, organizations, and public enthusiasm behind the efforts to preserve and promote the unique and valuable maritime assets of this region. We are pleased with the way that maritime organizations have worked cooperatively to bring these resources to the public. Designation as a National Maritime Heritage Area would expand opportunities for cooperation, and increase the number of people who can enjoy and learn from these assets.

We are particularly interested in maritime music. Washington State, especially the Puget Sound area, has a rich musical tradition associated with the water and with maritime industries, both past and present. Maritime music has a particularly strong element of audience participation, making this truly a 'music of the people'. We have contact with many maritime musicians and songwriters, and we believe there are other people with talent that might be contacted and encouraged through cooperation with organizations throughout the region.

Designation as a national heritage area will help coordinate the efforts of organizations and jurisdictions, including maritime heritage organizations, cities, counties, ports, tribes, and tourism promotion resources. Our aim will be to work with organizations to help them produce live music events in their own communities. This will create more places for musicians to play, and more opportunity for the public to hear them.

We believe that live music can have lasting, positive effects on communities. In addition, maritime music is one of the resources that could help bring an increase in heritage tourism, resulting in economic benefits for local businesses. Designation as a national heritage area will expand the scope of these possibilities, both geographically, and in the number of people involved.

Maritime music is just one facet of the rich maritime heritage of the Northwest. We look forward to the opportunities that designation will bring to all of the varied historic, cultural, and natural resources of our region.

Sincerely,

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Chris Glanister ChrisG@PilgrimMediaSvcs.com 425-218-5872

Dear Fauna and Curt,

Yes to this! Yes!

As a sailor who knows how hard the wind blows, how high the seas run, and how much the seafaring past and present of Puget Sound means, this is one no-fish-story good deal. Do it!

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Fair winds,

Wendy Joseph, Able Seaman, USMM (ret.)

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June 10, 2009

Allyson Brooks
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Dear Ms. Brooks,

As a member of both the New Dungeness Light House Association and the Mukilteo Historical Society which maintains the Mukilteo Lighthouse, my family and I support the proposal to designate Western Washington's Coast and Puget Sound a National Heritage Area. My Great-grandfather, Edward Aubrey Brooks, was head keeper at New Dungeness Light Station from 1902 to 1925 and at Mukilteo from 1925 to 1937.

Now that the U.S. Coast Guard has turned over responsibility for the maintenance and access by the public of all of our nation's lighthouses to private citizens and groups, it is even more critical that the thirteen lighthouses in Washington state receive the extra measure of support and protection that will come with this designation.

Lighthouses are a unique part of our history and culture in this state. Lighthouses everywhere stand as symbols of hope. They have the ability to capture the imagination and take us back to a bygone era. The public loves to visit lighthouses, but the non-profit organizations that selflessly take care of the light houses are frequently stretched thin and need the state's support.

We hope you will do everything in your power to get the designation approved.

Respectfully,

David McKee



From: Fauna Doyle
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2009 9:52 AM
To: Julia Warth
Subject: FW: National Maritime Heritage Area

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From: Sam [mailto:samrul@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 5:59 PM
To: Fauna Doyle
Cc: Allyson.Brooks@dahp.wa.gov
Subject: National Maritime Heritage Area

To whom it concerns,

I feel a National Maritime Heritage site in Washington and Puget Sound is important to preserve and recognize the heritage of this area. Let's not lose any more of our historic past. It is truly a treasure.

Sincerely,
Sam Ruljancich
206-433-8901



Appendix C

Washington State Implementing Legislation for the Feasibility Study





SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6144

State of Washington

60th Legislature

2008 Regular Session

By Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles)

READ FIRST TIME 01/18/08.

AN ACT Relating to a Pacific Northwest **maritime** national **heritage** area feasibility assessment; creating new sections; and making an appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1 SHORT TITLE. This act may be cited as the "Pacific Northwest **maritime** national **heritage** area feasibility assessment act."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2 FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:

- (1) The natural and cultural geography of western Washington is shaped by the Pacific Ocean, the straits, and the inland waterways of Puget Sound;
- (2) For hundreds of years, native peoples relied upon these interconnected saltwater passages for sustenance and for mobility within the region and beyond;
- (3) The first Euro-American immigrants to the area continued to depend almost exclusively upon these waterways for the movement of people and goods;
- (4) The early industries of the region, including logging, mining, and agriculture, utilized the waterways for commerce even after the advent of railroads and overland roads;
- (5) All manner of vessels were designed, built, and maintained on the shores of western Washington, resulting in the proliferation of marine and boat building industries;
- (6) Fisheries, commercial water transport, and recreational boating became essential to the economic health of the region;
- (7) **Maritime** skills and traditions flourished in the form of sail making, knot work, boat building, woodworking, and **maritime** art, music, and storytelling;
- (8) This **maritime** culture has left a tangible legacy on the landscape of western Washington in the form of boatyards, canneries, coastguard stations, dry docks, ferry landings, lighthouses, marinas, naval stations, piers, shipyards, wharfs, and all manner of vessels;
- (9) In today's global economy our traditional **maritime** culture is increasingly endangered by the loss of jobs in the **maritime** industries, the decline of family fishing, the erosion of **maritime** skills, waterfront development pressures, the high cost of

historic vessel preservation, and other factors;

(10) Over seventy-five organizations and public agencies in western Washington currently focus on some aspect of preserving and interpreting our **maritime heritage**;

(11) Over one hundred historic sites, museums, and attractions relating to **maritime heritage** currently exist in western Washington;

(12) The communities of Gig Harbor, Grays Harbor, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, and others are working tirelessly to create significant regional **maritime heritage** centers that collect and steward important **maritime** resources, offer high quality educational programming, and promote **heritage** tourism;

(13) These communities wish to collaborate with other interested organizations, agencies, tribes, and communities in positioning our collective **maritime heritage** as a premier regional attraction and distinctive cultural amenity; and

(14) National **heritage** areas designated by the United States congress provide a mechanism to protect, enhance, celebrate, and promote such assemblages of thematically related natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources through local partnerships.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3 DEFINITIONS. The definitions in this section apply throughout this act unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Department" means the department of archaeology and historic preservation.

(2) "Director" means the director of the department of archaeology and historic preservation.

(3) "National **heritage** area" means a locally managed, congressional designation that focuses heritage-centered interpretation, conservation, and development projects over a complex matrix of public and private land.

(4) "Study area" means (a) coastal areas of Washington counties bordering the Pacific Ocean, including Pacific, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, and Clallam counties; and (b) coastal areas of Washington counties bordering on Puget Sound and straits to the north, including Whatcom, San Juan, Skagit, Island, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Thurston, Mason, Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam counties.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4 PROPOSED PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARITIME

NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA. (1) The director, in consultation with appropriate state, tribal, and local governmental agencies, with federal land managers within the study area, with the advisory group created in subsection (2) of this section, and with other interested organizations, shall conduct a preliminary assessment to determine the feasibility of seeking congressional designation for a Pacific Northwest **maritime** national **heritage** area in western Washington.

(2) The director may consult with individuals from the public and private sector or ask the individuals to establish an advisory committee. Members of such an advisory committee are not entitled to expense reimbursement. The advisory committee shall include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following organizations:

(a) 4Culture and Seattle/King county **maritime heritage** initiative partners;

(b) Foss waterway seaport/working waterfront **maritime** museum;

(c) Gig Harbor peninsula historical society/harbor history museum;

(d) Grays Harbor historical seaport authority;

(e) Northwest **maritime** center and wooden boat foundation;

- (f) Pacific Northwest **maritime heritage** council and member groups; and
- (g) United Indians of all tribes.
- (3) The assessment shall include analysis, documentation, and determinations on whether:
 - (a) The study area:
 - (i) Has an assemblage of natural, cultural, scenic, and historic resources that together represent distinctive aspects of American **heritage** worthy of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and continuing use;
 - (ii) Reflects traditions, customs, beliefs, and folk life that are a valuable part of the national story;
 - (iii) Provides outstanding conservation, recreation, and educational opportunities;
 - (iv) Contains resources that are important to the identified theme and that retain a degree of integrity capable of supporting interpretation; and
 - (v) Could be managed as an assemblage through partnerships among public and private entities at the local, regional, state, or federal level; and
 - (b) The residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and federal, tribal, state, and local governments within the study area:
 - (i) Have demonstrated support for designation of a national **heritage** area;
 - (ii) Are involved in the planning;
 - (iii) Support the proposed boundary map;
 - (iv) Have developed a conceptual plan outlining roles for all participants; and
 - (v) Have agreed upon a suitable and willing management entity to plan and implement the project.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5 REPORT. Not later than two fiscal years after the date on which funds are made available to carry out the assessment, the director shall submit a report setting forth the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the director with respect to the feasibility assessment to the senate committee on natural resources, ocean and recreation, and to the house committee on community and economic development and trade.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6 APPROPRIATION. The sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, from the general fund to the department of archaeology and historic preservation for the purposes of carrying out this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7 CAPTIONS. Captions used in this act are not any part of the law.

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Appendix D

Preliminary Financial Pro-Forma for the Facilitating Organization





Potential Expenses	Short-Term		Long-Term	
	Low	High	Low	High
Staffing, Administration, & Facilitation				
1 FTE (low salary = \$60K, high = \$75K; 10% taxes; benefits)	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$75,000	\$90,000
Travel Costs (low = \$1,000, high = \$1,250 month)	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
Office Rent (low = donated office; high = 400 sqft @ \$25/sqft)	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Computer	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,500
Other Office/Admin.	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
Sub-Total	\$90,000	\$119,500	\$90,000	\$119,500
Marketing & Communications				
Web Development/Services	\$0	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Media Purchases (for the promotion of events)	\$0	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Printed Products/Materials	\$0	\$15,000	\$7,000	\$15,000
Outreach Events/Education	\$0	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000
Sub-Total	\$0	\$125,000	\$72,000	\$135,000
Pass-Through Funding or Additional Programming				
Sub-Total	See bottom line, below		See bottom line, below	
Total Potential Expenses	\$90,000	\$244,500	\$162,000	\$254,500
Potential Revenues				
Federal				
National Heritage Area Program (50% match)	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
Grants: Preserve America (50% match), Scenic Byways (20%)	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Sub-Total	\$50,000	\$225,000	\$50,000	\$225,000
State				
Grants (WA State Tourism Competitive Grant Program)				
Line Item in State Budget*	See sub-total		See sub-total	
"Opt-in" Fees (Boat Registration or License Plate Program*)				
Sub-Total	\$0	\$50,000	\$15,000	\$100,000
Local				
Direct City or County Funding				
Lodging Tax	See sub-total		See sub-total	
Economic Development Grants				
Sub-Total	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
Individuals & Organizations				
Individual Donations	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$35,000
Fundraising Events	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Member Organizations (heritage, tourism, marine industry)	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$22,000	\$50,000
Grants/Foundation Gifts	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$25,000	\$65,000
Sub-Total	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$77,000	\$175,000
Total Potential Revenues	\$100,000	\$395,000	\$162,000	\$530,000
Additional Funds Available for Pass-Through or Programming	\$10,000	\$150,500	\$0	\$275,500

* would require legislative action