

Port District of South Whidbey Island

Port Activities Update

**Island County Marine Resources Committee
Commissioners' Hearing Room B-102
Island County Annex, Coupeville
July 5, 2016**



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Mission Statement

To enhance the economic well-being of the community and improve public access to marine areas while respecting the unique rural character and environment of South Whidbey Island

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Brief Port History

- Originally formed on August 29, 1961 as the Langley Port District to create boat marina and harbor development serving all of South Whidbey at Langley.
- In 1968 it was concluded by all involved that the tax base of Langley/Sandy Point was insufficient to support the planned harbor development.
- On November 5, 1968 the present boundaries were approved by the voters.
- In November of 1979 the name was officially changed to the Port District of South Whidbey Island.



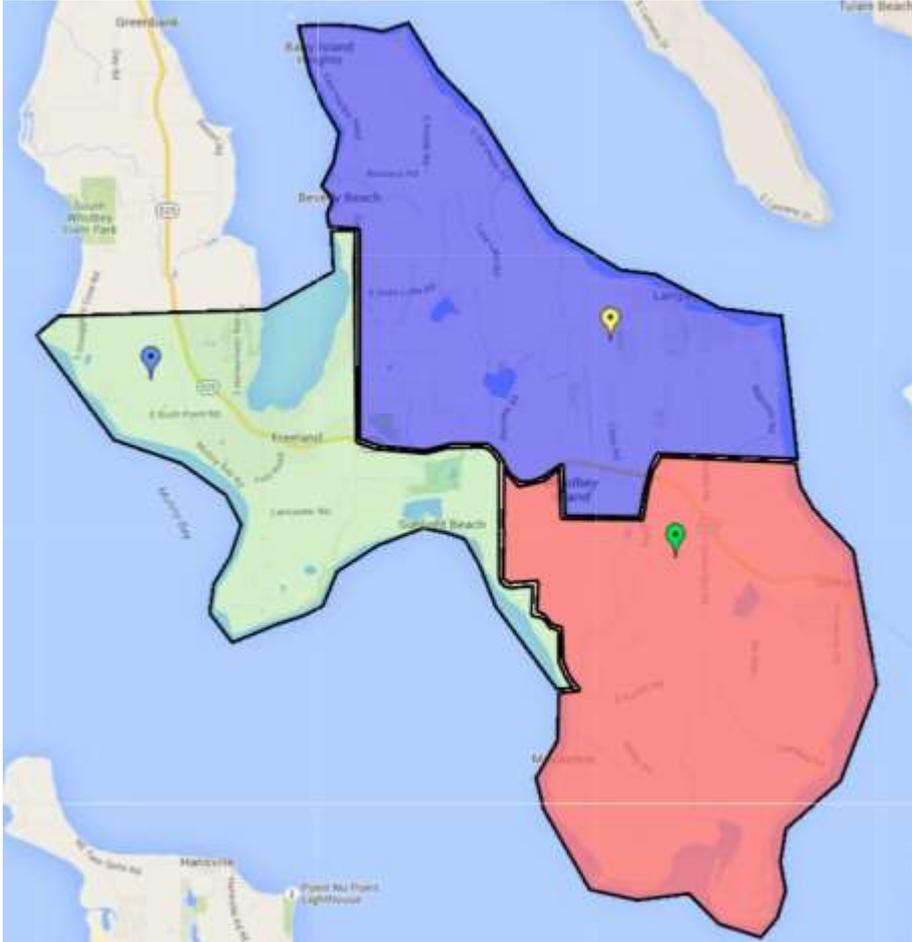
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Brief Port History (Cont.)

- From 1965 to the mid 1980s, the Port, Langley, Island County and the State collaborated on the construction of a 40 slip Marina. Recently, the Port has taken over management and made major improvements to the Marina. Efforts that are continuing to this day.
- At the completion of the Marina, the Port turned its focus on marine parks, boat ramps and supporting properties.
- The Port now takes a proactive role in developing, acquiring funds, working on and managing projects at all levels in response to its Mission Statement.

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Port Districts



-  District 3, Clinton
-  District 2, Langley
-  District 1, Freeland

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Port Commissioners and Staff

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| District 1 Commissioner | - | Jack Ng |
| District 2 Commissioner | - | Ed Halloran |
| District 3 Commissioner | - | Curt Gordon |
| Executive Director | - | Angi Mozer |
| Port Clerk | - | Molly MacLeod-Roberts |
| Langley Harbor Master | - | Duncan McPhee |
| Ops/Maintenance Supervisor | - | Pat Kisch |

Port Properties

- ▶ Bush Point Boat Ramp
- ▶ Clinton Beach Fishing Pier –Dock
- ▶ Humphrey Road Parking Lot
- ▶ Possession Beach Waterfront Park
- ▶ South Whidbey Harbor at Langley
- ▶ Freeland Park and Holmes Harbor Boat Ramp (with Island County)
- ▶ Dave Mackie Park and Boat Ramp (with Island County)
- ▶ Mutiny Bay Facility - Owned in Partnership with Island County
- ▶ Island County Fairgrounds – Property Management Lease with Island County



Current Port Projects

South Whidbey Harbor at Langley

- “Outside Mooring” on D and E docks complete
- Discussion between Harbormaster, Langley Chamber of Commerce and the Victoria Clipper’s Marketing Department have been very positive.



Current Projects (Cont.)

Possession Beach Waterfront Park Boat Ramp Renovation

- Environmental permits obtained
- Design and engineering nearing completion
- RCO has provided partial funding for construction; full funding expected within the next month

Possession Beach Waterfront Park Cell Tower Project

- Interest from Verizon in installing a Cell Tower



Current Port Projects (Cont.)

Island County Fairgrounds

- The Port has completed a Due Diligence Study, a Business and Marketing Plan, and one year of management
- The Port sees the current cultural value of Fairgrounds as well as great potential for a community facility and an economic driver, catering to the unique rural nature of Whidbey Island
- The Port will be conducting a ballot measure in August 2016 for the potential transfer of the property to the Port and an associated levy lift to support its renovation and rejuvenation



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Current Port Projects (Cont.)

The Island Beach Access Group Project

- The Group was awarded \$5000 by the Port last year to continue the work of identifying public access to the Island's shoreline. Progress reports are made at Regular Port meetings and progress to date has been excellent.

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Summary

Ultimate goal is to develop a long range plan to increase economic development infrastructure while respecting the unique rural character and environment of Whidbey Island, including enabling the annual fair event to occur.