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From: Paul Henriksen <paulh@portoflopez.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Lopez Village Subarea Planning Comments
Cc: Colin Huntemer; Shannon Wilbur
Subject: Seasonal Dinghy Float added to LVSP

Hello,

Thanks for coming to Lopez to display the LVSP and new proposed road speed map. I appreciated meeting Linda and Adam and was encouraged by how my suggestion for a dinghy dock at the end of Old Post Road by the Haven restaurant was well received. I'd like to summarize why I, and others, feel that a seasonal float is needed and should be added to the LVSP.

Every summer countless boaters enter Fisherman Bay and access the shore via the Islander Restaurant or Islands Marine Center. Many of them need to buy groceries, and to do so requires walking a mile to Lopez Village Market and/or Blossom Groceries. Often they walk 2-4 abreast on Fisherman Bay Road and, along with the busy bicycle and car traffic going in either direction on that road, it creates a traffic hazard. If there were a county seasonal float off the beach at the end of Old Post Road, boaters, local and visiting boaters could access the Village by using dinghies and rowboats to travel to that float and then walk a short distance to any business in the village. It would promote business because boaters would likely shop more if they don't have to carry their purchased goods for a mile. It could be convenient for liveaboards in Fisherman Bay and other full time resident boaters who moor their vessels there.

The Lopez Port Commission has been approached by seasonal water taxis in the past for better access to the Village. Visitors could be dropped off and picked up from such a dock and residents from other Islands could access the Village as well. It's a short 15 minutes or less from Friday Harbor by private boat. Lopez Port Commission has also received input in recent years that residents would like to see more and better marine access on our Island.

I realize that there are many questions to answer and work to do before this project can be added and implemented. I applied for and received the permits to install a dock on Johns Island about 15 years ago so I am aware of the permitting process. I label it as a seasonal float because although the location is convenient for Village access, it's also very vulnerable to winter storms. The float or floats could be launched in May and taken out of the water and stored in September. They could be made small and light enough to be trailered and most likely could be stored on Port property each winter.

Thanks for your time and serious consideration of this proposal. I'd appreciate any input and am happy to help in any way appropriate.

Sincerely,

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