

Public Comments for the Port of Port Townsend Commission Meeting on April 14, 2021

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Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 6:48 AM

To: Pete Hanke; Pam Petranek; Bill Putney; Eron Berg

Subject: Gardiner Boat Ramp

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to inform you of our concerns for expanding/improving the Gardiner Boat ramp area here in Gardiner. I personally have lived in Gardiner for 23 years.

We, in Gardiner have concerns over safety of the area. We have safety issues already in the area regarding drug dealing. Expanding the boat ramp without consideration for increased safety for the area is not for Gardiner. The wildlife area next to the boat ramp is also a concern. The quality of the water must be preserved. The destruction of clam and oyster beds from invasive species from boats must be addressed. The safety issue of location of the boat ramp, has also been a concern and brought up by neighbors. The speeding of trucks pulling boats down the hill, is an accident waiting to happen. Speed limits are not enforced in rural areas. Our area is not well patrolled.

The neighborhood needs to be considered. There are many issue that need to be addressed before any "improvement of the area" is done.

Thank you

Linda Fitzgerald



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Port of Port Townsend Commissioners
(sent via email)

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Olympic Forest Coalition, please be apprised of the comments by us to the Washington Department of Ecology on the matter of the NPDES permit for Pacific Seafoods (Coast), a tenant of the Port of Port Townsend.

Our organization successfully sued in 2016 to require the corporation to apply for and obtain the required NPDES permit. The corporation appealed, and the appellate court upheld the requirement to get a permit. The corporation has applied for a permit (2018, 2019), but as of this date, has not yet submitted its final application documents. In the interim, the unpermitted dumping of effluent into Quilcene Bay continues unabated. The merits of the case are stayed while Coast completes its application for a permit. The public comment period is not yet officially open for the permit; however, our organization wanted to share our perspective with Ecology while the application was under review. We are sharing this information with the Port.

Respectfully,

Connie Gallant, President

Documents attached:

May 22, 2020 Letter to Ecology, Declaration by water quality expert M. Hersch
September 5, 2019 Letter to Ecology, comments on Engineering report
OFCO v. Coast Seafood, Mar 2018, 9th Circuit decision requiring NPDES permit and denying Coast motion to dismiss case [REDACTED]
Dept. of Ecology, letter for completing application (June 2019) for Coast Seafoods
Quilcene Fish Hatchery, Permit No. WA0041114