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From: Tom Ehrlichman <tom@dykesehrlichman.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2024 1:00 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: Short Farm Public Information Not Working

To Whom it May Concern:

I have six separate requests concerning the Port's planning for the Short Farm.

1. "Shorts Farm Meeting Page." Your web page for the Short Farm (at <https://portofpt.com/shorts-family-farm/>) provides a link to what is described as the "Short Farm Meeting Page." That link just takes you to the overall meeting page for the entire Port business meetings and agendas, with no special information tailored to the Short Farm Planning Process. I remain interested to follow that planning process and the Port's web page set up currently requires me to go in and read every meeting agenda to determine whether there is any action on the Short Farm plan. Has the Port's planning process ended? Are there ongoing opportunities for public input and comment on proposed plans? How does the public easily get in and find the latest information on the Port's website (as opposed to the general descriptions and list of past work)? I am on your email list for the Short Farm, but it also tends to steer the public to these vast arrays of Port meeting agendas and this generalized informational web page on the farm. Could your short farm web page include at the beginning a current update on the status of the Port's planning that is updated monthly? My comment is that your public information and outreach does not make it easy for me and the interested public to participate in the planning process and stay updated, which I know was the intent by the Commissioners. Thank you for considering these question and the suggestion to provide a "current information" section, knowing you have lots of projects in the works and this is just one of them.
2. Public Records Request No. 1. Please email me records (or links to specific individual records) containing communications between any Port staff and any UW faculty, adjunct faculty or UW employee concerning the U.W.'s work on the Short Farm up to the current date. Of particular interest are any communications concerning the strategy for the timing or extent of the Port's review of Short Farm planning under the State Environmental Policy Act, RCW ch. 43.21C (SEPA). Please be sure to provide copies of any draft or final SEPA threshold determinations, notices, or SEPA checklists prepared by or for the Port concerning Short Farm planning by the Port Commissioners.
3. Public Records Request No. 2. Please email me records (or links to specific individual records) concerning water rights on the Short Farm, limited to those portions of the farm now owned by the Port.
4. Public Records Request No. 3. Please email me records (or links to specific individual records) concerning groundwater contamination on the portion of the Short Farm now owned by the Port if any exist.
5. Public Records Request No. 4. Please email me records (or links to specific individual records) concerning approval, waiver or notification by any state agency concerning any wastewater discharges on the Short Farm property for the past twenty years, limited to those portions of the farm now owned by the Port.
6. Public Records Request No. 5. Please email me records (or links to specific individual records) concerning the processing of meat of any kind on the Short Farm, limited to those portions of the farm now owned by the Port.

I realize these requests take up valuable staff time but these are topics of general public interest for residents in the area. Perhaps the work is of broad interest to others as well. Could the results be included in your long list of relevant documents on the Short Farm Webpage for others to see? Perhaps those documents could be organized by subject with

headings and these requested documents could be included there? Obviously SEPA planning and opportunities for public comment are of particular interest in the public process run by the Port.

Thank you for taking the time to keep me and others informed as the Port's planning proceeds for the Short Farm.

Best regards,

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