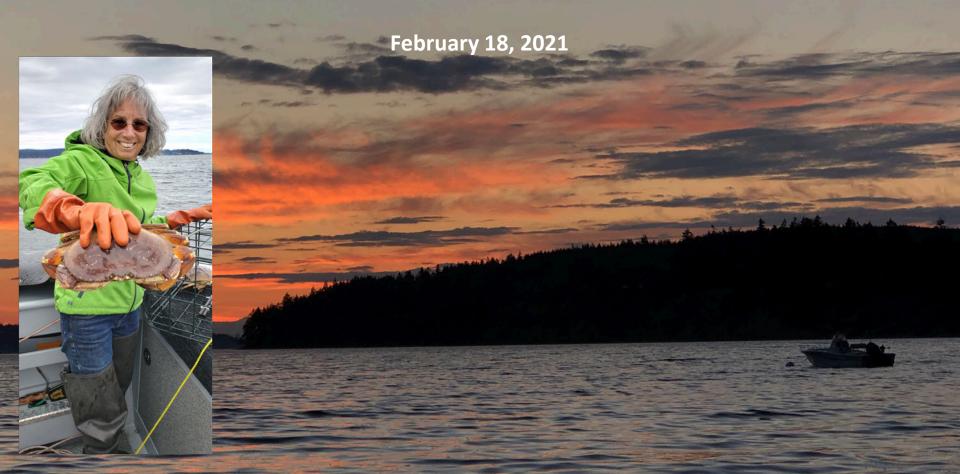
# PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND GARDINER BOAT LAUNCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT 20-2083 DEV

**Development | Boating Facilities Program | Grant Project Evaluation Meeting** 





### SUMMARY: GARDINER BOAT LAUNCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT







Scope: ADA-Compliant Boat Launch Ramp,

**Access Wedge and Seasonal Handling Float** 

Funding: \$674,847 Total Project

\$134,970 Port Match Ready (20%)

\$539,877 Requested RCO Funding (80%)

**Need:** Ramp Failure Imminent

**Schedule: Construction in 2022** 

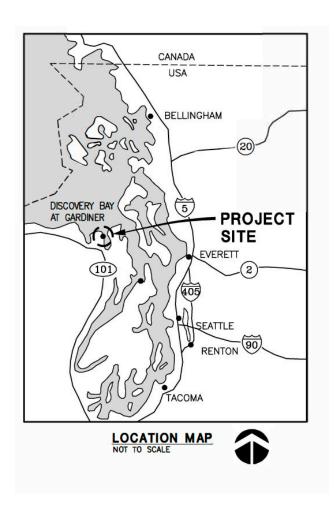


#### **PROJECT LOCATION**





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## QUESTION 1: NEED ONLY Public Boat Ramp on Discovery Bay











### **QUESTION 1: NEED Physical Condition - Deteriorated & Soon Unsafe**



EXISTING BOAT RAMP NOT TO SCALE



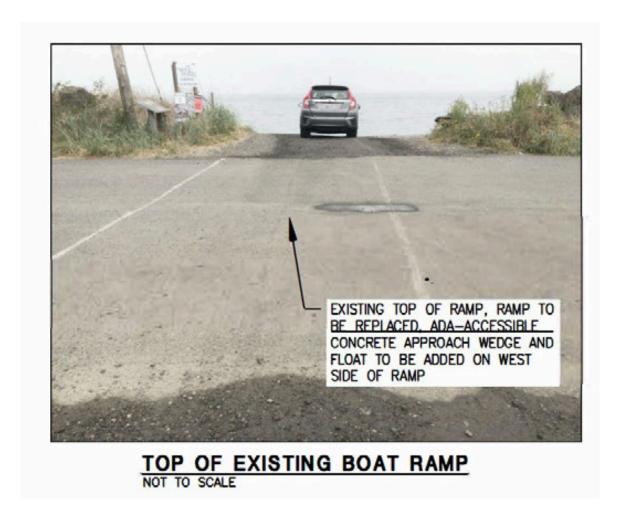
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#### **Gardiner Boat Launch Ramp**

**Failure Is Imminent!** 

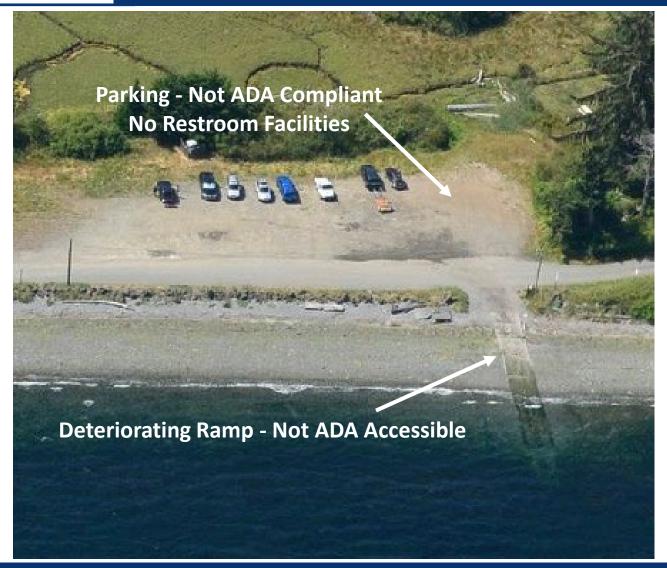


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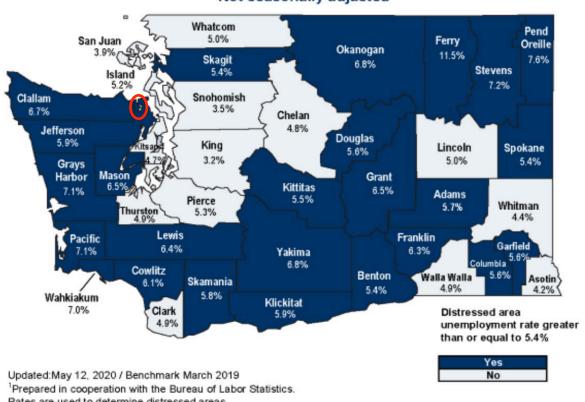
# **QUESTION 1: NEED Physical Accessibility - Not ADA Compliant**





### **QUESTION 1: NEED Rural Distressed Area - Jefferson & Clallam Counties**

2019 Distressed Areas<sup>1</sup> Three-year average unemployment rate (Jan 2017-December 2019) Not seasonally adjusted



Rates are used to determine distressed areas

Source: Employment Security Department/LMEA; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics



### **QUESTION 1: NEED Comprehensive Planning Priority**

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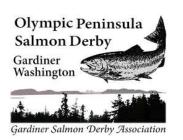
### COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME OF HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS (CSHI)





### QUESTION 1: NEED Community Support













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Port to seek funding for Discovery Bay boat launch improvements

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### QUESTION 2: SITE SUITABILITY Site Dedicated to Access for Recreational Boaters

**1959:** Easement AFN163237

ramp for public ingress and egress and loading and unloading of pleasure boats and craft to the waters of Discovery Bay."

**1960:** Quit Claim Deed 164773

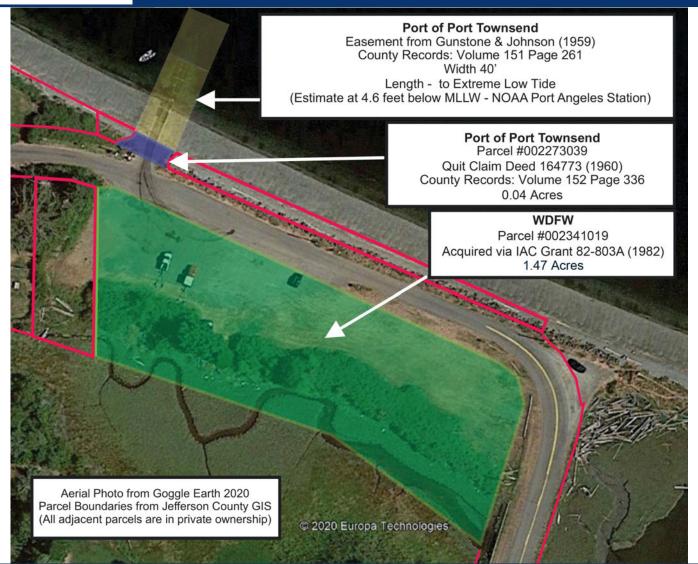
1982: RCO Grant to WDFW

**1983:** Interlocal Agreement between the Port of Port Townsend, WDFW and Jefferson County



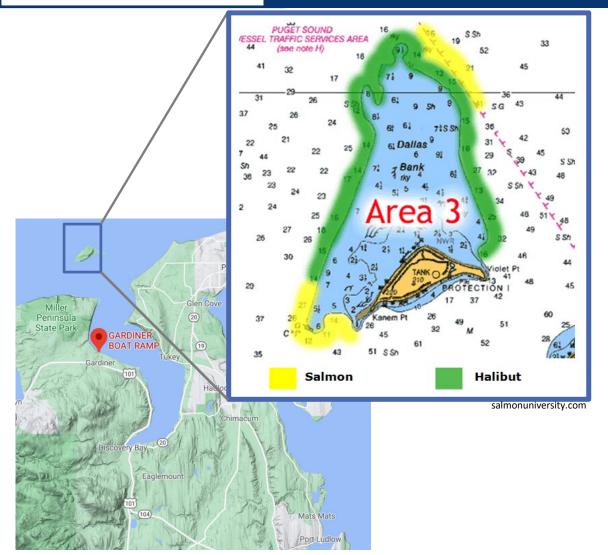


### **QUESTION 2: SITE SUITABILITY Site Control and Tenure**





### **QUESTION 2: SITE SUITABILITY Access to Year-Round Productive Fishing Locations**







### QUESTION 3: URGENCY Only Public Access to Discovery Bay May be Lost

Easement AFN163237 across the private tidelands contains a reversionary interest if use as a "pleasure boat ramp" ceases or if the ramp is not properly maintained



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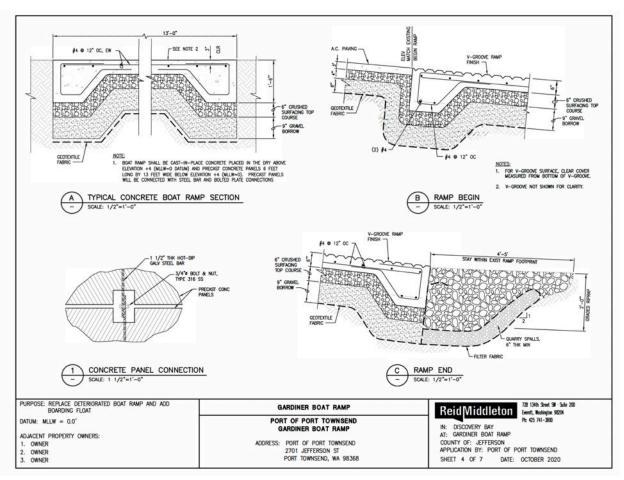
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### **QUESTION 4: PROJECT DESIGN Preliminary Designs Complete**



#### **Project is in a Preliminary Stage**

√ Initial Designs

#### **Estimated Timeline**

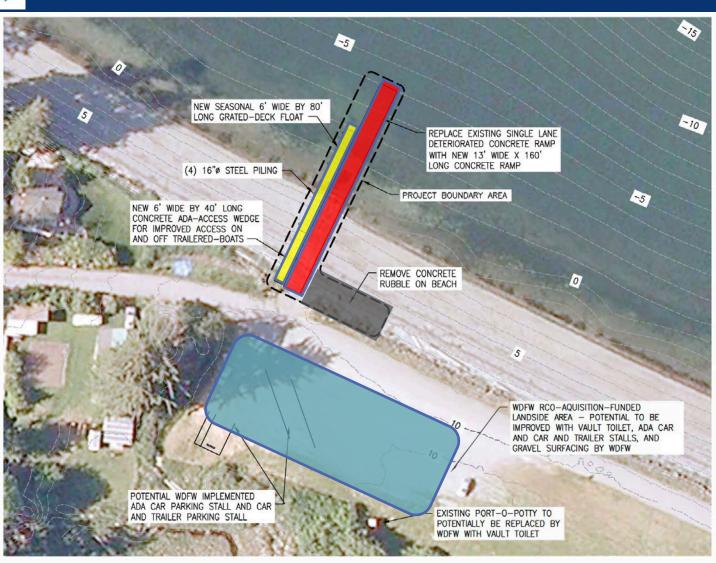
- Permitting: 2021-2022
- Construction: 2022-2023
   in-water work window
- Construction to be completed in one construction season



## QUESTION 4: PROJECT DESIGN Replaces and Improves Existing Facility

# Fully designed and engineered to meet recreational boating needs for the coming decades:

- √Replaces and improves existing facility
- √Environmentally sound design
- √Durable low-maintenance construction maximizing anticipated useful life
- √Leverages partnerships to ensure accessible parking and toilet facilities





### QUESTION 4: PROJECT DESIGN ADA-Compliant Ramp and Seasonal Handling Float





TOP OF EXISTING BOAT RAMP



#### **EXISTING**

- X NON ADA-COMPLIANT
- **X BADLY DETERIORATED**
- X UNSAFE
- X RAMP FAILURE IMMINENT!!!

#### **PROPOSED**

- / NEW ADA-COMPLIANT CONCRETE ONE-LANE RAMP
- ✓ ADA-COMPLIANT ACCESS WEDGE
- ✓ ADA-COMPLIANT

  SEASONAL HANDLING

  FLOAT
- ✓ IMPROVED LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVAL OPERATIONS



### **QUESTION 4: PROJECT DESIGN Subsequent Phase - Upland ADA Improvements**



EXISTING UPLAND PARKING



#### Department of Fish and Wildlife

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January 13, 2021

Ms. Beth Auerbach, RCO Grants Manager Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office P.O. Box 40917 Olympia, WA 98504-0917

Re: Port of Port Townsend 2020 Boating Facilities Program Grant Application Gardiner Boat Launch Improvement Project

Dear Ms. Auerbach,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wikllife (WDFW) has partnered with Port of Port Townsend to manage the Gardiner boat launch and parking lot since 1983. The agency values this relationship and provides full support for the Port's Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) application to make much needed improvements. As you know, this location provides the only public boat access on Discovery Bay. These improvements will provide better function and convenience for current users, owners of larger vessels, and persons with disabilities.

The proposed improvements under this grant application are currently limited to the Port owned portions of the access area, which consists of the launch on the bay side of Gardiner Beach Road. The parking area, which is owned by WDFW, is also in need of improvement. WDFW is committed to seeking RCO funding in 2022 to improve the parking area as well as provide ADA-accessible restroom facilities and ADA-compliant parking upon the successful funding of the Port's application to replace the Gardiner Boat Launch. As such, the Port and WDFW are working together to pursue a two-phase approach to secure the future of and provide ADA accessibility for the first time to the only public access to Discovery Bay.

We recognize this site as being important to all Washington residents and visitors and not only those seeking to fish or crab. WDFW remains committed to this partnership and we look forward to an opportunity to work jointly on much needed improvements to this popular water access site. Please let us know how we can help with this and other projects in the future. We will keep you posted regarding the progress made to make the needed improvements to the WDFW portion of this site.

Sincerely,

Larry Phillips Regional Director



### QUESTION 6: SUSTAINABILITY Ecological Benefits



- ✓ CONCRETE RUBBLE REMOVAL FROM ADJACENT BEACH
- √ NO DREDGING PROPOSED
- ✓ LAND-BASED EQUIPMENT OPERATING ON EXISTING RAMP FOR REMOVAL
- √ DEBRIS BOOM
- ✓ PRECAST CONCRETE RAMP WITHIN EXISTING FOOTPRINT
- √ HANDLING FLOAT DECK WITH

  GRATING TO REDUCE SHADE IMPACT

  ON NEARSHORE HABITAT
- √ HABITAT MITIGATION PLAN TO BE DEVELOPED



### **QUESTION 6: SUSTAINABILITY Social and Economic Benefits**





- ✓ PROVIDES PUBLIC WATER ACCESS IN ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREA
- ✓ PROMOTES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SOCIAL/CULTURAL CONNECTIONS AND EDUCATION
- ✓ DURABLE CONSTRUCTION DESIGN MAXIMIZES LIFESPAN AND REDUCES MAINTENANCE COSTS
- ✓ PROMOTES ECONOMY OF REGION THROUGH TOURISM



#### **QUESTION 7: COST-BENEFIT**

### COST

### BENEFIT

Increased	Risk Du	e to No	on-ADA
Access & Fai	ling Ran	np Cor	ditions

SAFETY

**Safe Public ADA-Compliant Access** 

**Loss of Public Access** 

**ACCESS** 

Maintains & Improves
ONLY Public Access to Discovery Bay

Ramp Deteriorating Debris on Beach

**ENVIRONMENT** 

Within Existing Footprint
Beach Debris Removed/Grated Float

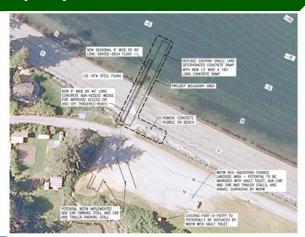
**Avoided by Community Due to**Deteriorating Condition

ECONOMICS
\*Rural Distressed Area

Increased Facility Usage: Tourism, Property Value, Tax Revenue





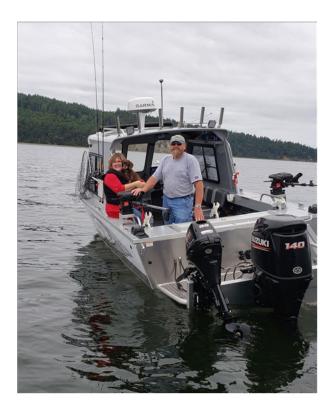




## QUESTION 8: BOATS ON TRAILERS New Facility Intended to Serve Trailer Boats



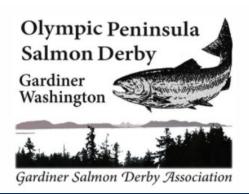






### **QUESTION 9: BOATING EXPERIENCE Olympic Peninsula Salmon Derby**

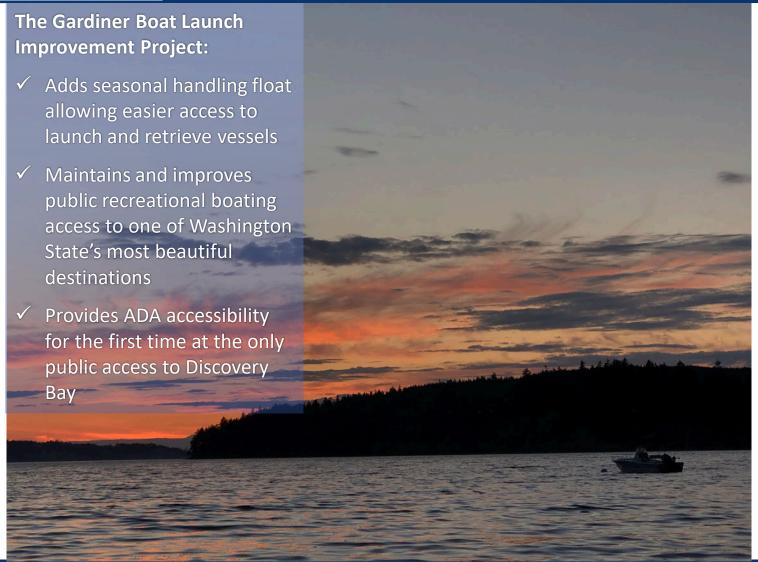








### QUESTION 9: BOATING EXPERIENCE One of Washington's Most Beautiful Destinations





#### **QUESTION 10: READINESS**

√ Design: Preliminary Drawings Complete

√ Matching Funds: Port Match Confirmed

Proposed Schedule

**Engineering & Design:** Completed in 2021

Permitting: Planned for 2021-2022

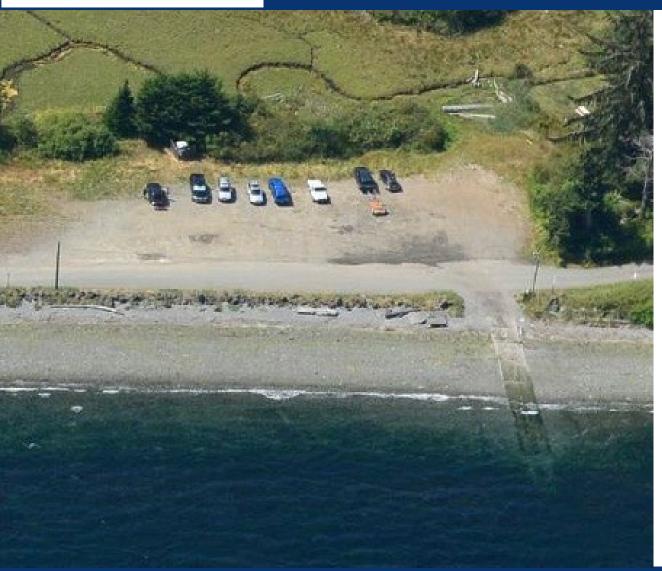
Construction Bids: 2022 or 2023 \*

**Construction:** 2022 or 2023 \*

\*Dependent on Permits



## THANK YOU for helping us preserve the <u>only</u> public access to the waters of Discovery Bay



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