

Port of Port Townsend

Quilcene Outreach Project

“We’re Listening, Quilcene.”

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Interviewee #1:

- Campgrounds
- Cabins rather than tents, park-like.
- RV space
- Garbage needs to be removed
- Why a kayak rack? People who kayak have their own storage
- Preserve public beaches for recreational uses... don't sell/ lease land
- Not enough boat slips, can't accommodate larger yachts
- Don't want Coast to take over the beach
- Recreational rentals, scuba, kayaks
- Concessions for kids, farmer's market, local craft fair. Make the marina a place to gather
- Make bathrooms/showers available for swimmers, day use & community use.

Interviewee #2:

- Noise from Coast is intrusive, violations of regulations
- Pollution from Coast is impacting water quality
- Do not sell the port to investors or a private firm
- Do a better job of managing the place- commissioner need to be more involved
- Dredge the mouth of the Harbor
- Maintain Public Access to facility
- Maintain what we have and keep it a *little* Boat Haven
- Coast continues to expand operation, intrusive, in violation of regulations
- Maintain Yacht Club as is
- Put in an additional swim beach
- Parking logistics- add more spaces and mark them
- Unleashed dogs are a problem
- Tidy up sea wall
- Fix potholes

Interviewee #3:

- Bring back/ expand camping & restrooms
- Dredge Harbor
- Lock garbage
- Enlarge marina—rearrange to get more boats in
- widen boat launch pads
- improve bathrooms
- oysters=jobs=money to the county

Interviewee #4:

- The marina is a liability waiting to happen
- Needs to be dredged
- Pump-out—where is it?

- Fuel Dock
- Full Time employee to monitor- people *do not pay* to launch boats—port is losing money
- Bathrooms get vandalized without a full-time monitor
- Port fees are same as Port Townsend. Why?
- Fuel availability is still advertised in publications like Yachtsman, Latitude 48 and Great Northwest
- Clallam people go to Gardiner to launch—less expensive
- Electrical and water on docks needs to be fixed
- 30 amp service...signage to explain that
- Garbage emptied by locals
- Add a port-a-potty
- Make the ramp a straight shot rather than a 45 degree turn
- Hire a Harbormaster
- Check pilings—seem to be in bad shape
- Install Fire extinguishers on dock

Interviewee #5:

- What's the vision, long term viability for the Marina?
- No gas anymore, no full-time manager. Why?
- Bathrooms, showers are in poor shape, need to be manned
- Infrastructure upgrade is #1—way boats have to navigate to get in and out is problematic
- Add potable water
- Upgrade water system to a greater capacity
- Hire a Harbormaster
- Add a fuel dock
- Create more recreational opportunities
- Hiking trail up hill
- Allow vendors—food trucks, ice cream
- Swimming area, clean up entrance to marina, make it a nice place for picnics
- Camping would be a nice feature

Interviewee #6:

- Clean up the beach
- Do not sell property to Coast
- Improve uplands- camping, picnic tables-- make it user friendly
- Gas Dock
- Small boat storage-for kayaks, canoes. Add boat rentals, paddleboards
- Create swimming beach
- Add Glamping on hill
- Add a 70ft Floating Dock for big boats to tie up—more and more are coming into Dabob Bay to anchor
- Add food trucks, Coast to do Oyster bar
- Coast is encroaching on Port property
- If you add infrastructure, more people would use the marina
- Commissioners don't care about us; hold meetings here

Interviewee #7:

- Safety is a big concern—docks are outdated.
- Bumpers on dock are missing; cleats are loose, loose screws are popping causing damage to boats
- Trash ends up in parking lot
- People show disrespect for baths & showers. Fix.

- it's crowded in the summer
- Feels like it is neglected and overlooked
- Consider a live-aboard as a part time employee to watch the place
- Add food trucks
- Add kayak rentals, others
- Marina information outdated in publications
- Just clean it up
- Dredge it
- install 30 amp power
- Make it not an eyesore
- Let someone else run the marina- Maritime Center? Add educational opportunities

Interviewee #8:

- Dredge the inlet. Only 15 ft to enter. I pay a lot of money but when the tide is low I can't leave
- Cleats/ tie-ups need to be updated
- Update bathrooms with working toilets, paint it.
- We don't want a Pleasant Harbor, just a pleasant place to enjoy.
- Dredge
- People do not pay to launch their boats. A full time person would monitor that. You are losing money.
- Consider a coffee truck on shrimping days

Interviewee #9:

- Make basic updates- add new cleats, corners, bumpers. Should not have scratches on my boat.
- Dig out entrance—low tide issue
- Update bathrooms—flooring, paint, new showers, sinks, toilets. Open to community.
- Michelle is at Point Hudson, not here. Need her to monitor—people don't pay to launch
- Sani-cans are not cleaned properly—add ones with sinks—during Shrimpfest people poop behind building
- Basic maintenance and a facelift
- Faucets are broken to wash boats
- Bring back the fuel dock
- Let live-aboards do part-time work
- Cut wall and move it, reconfigure the ramp, make it wider
- Kayak rack was a good idea
- Lock on garbage cans helped

Interviewee #10:

- Continue to keep Yacht Club, offer long-term lease
- Facility is really run down
- Need bathrooms, gas and camping opportunities
- Docks are in horrible shape
- Amenities: launch boat, keep boat overnight--it's impossible
- Charges are the same at Port Townsend Boat Haven—why?
- Add a campground
- Coast consistently encroaches on public parking lot next to marina.
- Coast's lights affect dark sky, overnighters
- Commissioners need to put in a lot more focus, effort
- Add a full-time attendant during the summer
- Add more garbage cans, porta-potties

- I choose to use the little boat ramp—it's amazing
- Bring food trucks during busy season
- Ask for volunteers to help during Shrimpfest to load, unload boats to make it go more smoothly
- Put-ins are not paying --there is no one to collect
- Small cabins on the hill, places for tent camping and RVs below
- Make it so the public is more welcomed down here

Interviewee #11:

- No family reunions anymore because the facility is not adequate for 10-15 people
- Bring back camping
- Hire a harbormaster
- Mussel people leave behind a lot of pollution
- Make washrooms available to Quilcene residents—some people don't have a septic at their homes and use the showers at the marina.
- Quilcene needs to be a fuel stop
- Improve the marina, dredge it
- Accommodate locals first
- Have an ice machine, soda; food trucks on weekends
- Perfect place for an oyster bar, steamers
- Improve the county road ingress/egress

Interviewee #12:

- Don't sell the property
- We enjoy using the Yacht Club
- Do general maintenance—upgrade bathrooms
- Dredge the harbor entrance
- Upgrade the ramp- hard for older people to get to their boats
- Bring back the gas dock
- Bring back camping-- so they can support local businesses
- We pay taxes and expect a decently maintained facility
- Terrible job negotiating with Pacific Seafoods—the Port is responsible for their upgrades?
- Pacific Seafoods deal takes resources away from the public
- Cabin rentals, designated trailer parking
- Need Full-time employee
- Better lighting
- Pave parking and pave the street
- Dumpster was a good idea
- Public beach sani-can
- Don't take the Yacht Club away

Interviewee #13:

- Need on-site manager, live there
- Create an RV park
- Bathhouse improvements needed
- Parking area upgrade
- Widen and improve ramp
- Docks seem nice, need improvement
- Take better care of the beach
- Dredge out by end of pier
- Allow concession stands/ food trucks

- Gas dock
- Pump-out/ RV dump for campers
- Mini-Golf or other

Interviewee #14.

- Our port commissioner doesn't care about us, has never been here, promotes only himself and his business
- Oyster company does damage to water quality when cleaning tanks
- "A treasure—we need more public beach lands"
- Coast dominates the septic system
- Monitor the health of the bay
- Geoduck harvesting is destroying the bottom of bay
- Add kid's education, open rowing, sailing classes
- Kayak racks
- Work with schools to create a marine science stewardship program
- Employ an on-site manager

Interviewee #15:

- Create a commercial opportunity for selling oysters, clams.
- Put back fuel dock
- Make more room on beach for recreational opportunities—paddleboard, sunfish— create private/public partnerships
- Create camping sites
- Marina needs work- dredge-breakwater-electric upgrade
- Boat ramp- new cleats, wash ramp—there's a safety issue
- Allow live-aboards

Interviewee #16:

- "This Bay is a Gem" Continue to protect it.
- Doesn't get the attention Dabob gets- keep it environmentally safe, clean, clear and good -looking
- It's a resource for commerce- recreation/commercial/industry.
- Oyster operation contributes to the employment of community
- Yacht Club is fine for people who belong, but it should serve the entire community, not just members
- Can't self-support this operation
- Fill potholes- don't get fancy
- Locals, county should get precedence for slips, out-of-towners rent too many slips
- Dredge
- Upgrade bathroom facilities. Create a community shower option
- Protect the Bay and the ecosystem.

Interviewee #17:

- Don't grow it, keep it small and community-oriented
- Resolve parking issues
- Move fence so there's more places to park
- "It's wonderful as it is."
- Kayak storage is too close to slips
- Trash is an issue- better receptacles, recycling
- People don't pay for the fees because no one there to collect. The honor system isn't working.
- Slow growth in moderation.

Interviewee #18:

- Long Longer Lodge idea- vacation spots, tours for economic development
- Recreate lodge with a café that can be run by seniors
- Camping with water, yurts, cabins; swim beach
- Camping sites where tanks are now
- Do noise/light abatement
- Ramp/ bulkhead improvements needed
- Bring back gas dock
- Restore swimming beach
- Oysters are good for public beach, do a history sign
- Coast employees, friends and neighbors, could create a better co-existence
- Insist on yearly test of effluent from oyster operation
- Employ a full-time harbormaster-- take care of grounds, collect fees, monitor activity, etc.
- Bill Putney and Pam Petranek have shown interest, our commissioner has not.

Interviewee #19:

- HBM is public property and belongs to the public
- Should be used for the benefit of the entire community
- Makes me not want to pay my taxes given the lack of interest and oversight shown.

Interviewee #20:

- Only public place for community- avail it to people
- Coast is important, they employ people
- The HBM is dilapidated.
- Needs to be dredged
- Restrooms are an embarrassment.
- Create an RV Park, camping area and cabins
- Yacht Club is an asset but open it for rentals by other groups.

Interviewee #21:

- Coast is polluting—black stuff on boat bottoms--Environmental issues.
- Tidelands are not polluted due to oysters
- Old Lodge idea should be revived again—could be a destination.
- Bring in food trucks during events,
- Pay attention to maintenance- pick up the garbage.
- Don't stifle growth here.
- Pay attention to the swim beach.

Interviewee #22:

- HBM is economic development—a managed recreation area with paddleboards, kayaks, rentals, instruction. Market on ferries, other. Balanced,
- thoughtful and reasonable growth.
- Manage the beach better, lifeguards, hire recent HS grads.
- Campground host for year-round cabin rentals.
- Preserve the area
- Launch issues—not good to get out---narrow.
- Create more guest slips.
- Guarantee slips in June to locals first
- “We take care of this place.”

Interviewee #23:

- There are boats there that have not moved- abandoned? There's a Bayliner that hasn't moved in 2 ½ years.
- Limit live-aboards to 10 percent
- Add a fuel dock
- The Yacht Club has done good work for the Port- provides stability, community. They should continue to have a presence
- Create a 1-3-5 through 30-year facility plan
- Create a 10-year landscape plan
- Add a fuel dock
- Preserve the heritage of this place

Interviewee #24:

- Make the speed limit on Linger Longer Road 25 or less especially where there are homes. There are kids in the area that play near the road.
- Create a place for off-site parking for trailers away from the marina.

Interviewee #25:

- "Picnic Tables are in the dirt." Section off the parking area by the Yacht Club and pave it. Create a picnic area. Make it more park-like.
- Maintain what we already have—bring it up to date.
- Fix up the marina and make it safer

Interviewee #26:

- Coast expansion has had a detrimental effect on the water quality and marine life in the area. Spat is ok because it cleans the water, but dumping is not. There are 500 gallons of fecal matter dumped into the bay every day, according to Coast.
- Have Coast pay a commercial rate for ramp use because they use it all the time for their benefit.
- Marine life is disappearing in the bay; the estuary is not seeing the birds.
- Concerned about the Health of the Bay and the people who use it.
- Report about hazardous waste dumped into the bay?
- Pete Hanke never represents us. He does not respond to us. Pam and Bill have responded.
- Add snack business opportunities for community.
- Small businesses for recreational opportunities—bikes, paddleboards, dinghies.
- Encourage more programs for children: sail, swim, etc.
- If \$500/ month for a slip, boaters expect more services.

Interviewee #27:

- Create a space/building for family celebrations like the old Linger Longer Lodge.

Interviewee #28:

- Concerned about the Environmental impacts on the Bay.
- Focus on sustainability and all things that impact it.
- Make it easier to put in a kayak.

Interviewee #29:

- Make sure any development looks like it belongs in Quilcene, don't Bellevue-ize us.
- Make this a working port.
- Focus on Economic Development: seafood restaurant on the water, food stands, snack bar, food trucks.
- Expand the beach to increase swimming and sunbathing, kayaking, paddleboards opportunities

- Trails in woods that lead to beach access
- Ask Coast to do monthly educational tours about what they do and how they help the community.
- Get a conversation going about what can be done on the property.
- Get the float back in the water.
- Involve the Marine Science Center and have them do a display here about marine life in the Bay
- Connect school kids to the Bay through information and recreation
- Get signage up on 101—people don't know there's a beach, boat launch, fishing, etc.
- Add gas dock
- Look for partners—land-lease opportunities.

Interviewee #30:

- Build a hotel like the old Linger Longer Lodge
- Build a hostel for elders and youth
- Create RV Parking area
- Post signage on 101 that indicates there's a beach here—no one knows about launch, fishing...
- Gas dock- the closest is Pleasant Harbor
- Make HBM a boating destination w/ restaurant
- Promote the fact it is the only warm water port in the area.
- Make beach more attractive
- The Port should look for partners/ entrepreneurs to make a profit.

Interviewee #31:

- Disappointed to lose the fuel dock.
- Disappointed that RV Park went away
- Expand marine and beach access
- Tie the Yacht club to the water more—keep green lawn for recreation.

Interviewee #32:

- Add fuel and pump-out services, sell ice.
- It's dead down there—all for the oyster company
- Make more recreational opportunities for Quilcene
- Make it a gathering spot for community
- Needs more activity—get more boaters involved.
- Create a reciprocal dock agreement with other marinas- brings urban people who will spend money in the community
- Reserve slips for guest boaters
- Need someone to run the facility 7 days a week with a salaried position- give volunteer person a slip for half-time work
- Create winter opportunities—tribal fishing
- No one pays to launch now—losing revenue
- Clean the docks, create curb appeal – if it looks pretty, it will be respected.
- Add a dumpster to take care of trash.
- Tired of the garbage and sani-cans.
- Why does the Yacht Club have to pay for the community – people use the Club's dumpster

Interviewee #33:

- If only one thing—it's a fuel dock. People have to go to Ludlow or Point Hudson for fuel.
- Allow live-aboards- let them take care of the maintenance and be responsible for appearance.
- Add more slips- get rid of derelict vessels
- Update bathrooms

- Add outdoor showers
- Seasonal store to buy ice, beer, bait
- People from all over the area use this beach
- Add campsites
- Kayak storage is great @ \$27 per month
- Add play yard for kids- connect the land and water
- Keep Coast in check, encroaching on Port property
- Don't increase "commercial use" too much
- Recognize history and families that were here-celebrate history of Linger Longer Lodge.
- Take a look at those boats that have been "stored" there...some have cobwebs, others are falling apart. Are there any that are derelict?

Interviewee #34:

- Maintain- used to be sharp now it's ratty, docks are uneven, unsafe.
- Dredge the mouth of the harbor
- Don't sell the property
- Enlarge it and beautify it—there's a 9 month wait
- A portion of the boats here are from Port Townsend, it is not a community marina
- Develop the uplands
- Create business opportunities for people to haul out, scrape bottoms, do boat repairs.
- Give the Yacht Club the building. They can expand their community outreach—scholarships, boat safety, kid-oriented activities.
- Work with schools to create educational programs around the bay
- Add tent platforms, self-contained RVs
- Pay more attention to the condition of the marina- it is an eyesore.
- Hire a Harbor Master to monitor activity at the HBM
- Clean up the area between Coast and the Yacht Club.

Interviewee #35:

- Written comments provided:
- Legal filings from the Olympic Forest Coalition v. Olympic Seafoods Company, court case, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
- The question is whether "pipes, ditches, [and] channels" and "concentrated animal feeding operations" are all point sources of discharge pollution.

Interviewee #36:

- Liveaboard issues—fees should reflect both living and moorage costs. They are not abiding by the rules.
- Install security cameras—men use ladies' restrooms
- Full time Harbor Master
- Landscape, and then maintain; add benches
- Add RV Park, campground
- Restore uplands
- Screen Coast operation from the marina
- Interpretative trails on property
- Create a parking lot at the end of the road, pave, stripe.
- Offer a long-term lease to the Quilcene Village Store to have a bodega/ campground store on site.
- The marina should not be used as affordable housing.

Interviewee #37:

- I'd like to see it enhanced but want it still to be Quilcene.
- Put in walking trails and paths into other areas.
- Install trail signage with interpretative info.
- Operate a Rowing Club out of here.
- Partner with the Marine Science Center – connect kids and school with them.
- I'd like to have a brandy on the deck of a restaurant here.