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Dear Commissioners,

I would like to provide you with additional perspective about the outreach performed by your staff reference potential development of the Herb Beck marina in Quilcene. First, it should be noted that your staff did an excellent job in conducting the open public meetings. They were open to all ideas, established timelines with deliverables, and were quite diplomatic with client interruptions related to project features and funding.

They have prepared a prioritized menu of options with budget and implementation schedule that accurately reflects the public meeting inputs. There is one key fact that has not registered with the community. It is that the swimming beach is not owned by the Port Authority (PA). According to the latest survey and map plot presented, the Port Lands do not exceed the southern boundary of the marina riprap bulkhead. In essence, the PA is not responsible for public use in any areas outside the boundary. A predominant feature requested by a contingent of the public was the inclusion of restrooms and showers for users of the beach.

I think any development by the PA on private property or in support of activities on private property without agreements with landowner could expose the PA to liability issues. The features requested by some of the public (restroom/shower) exist and are available via the launch permit feature. I purchase an annual launch permit, do not use the shower feature, and am not aware of any permit holders that utilize this component.

A recommendation is to send a questionnaire to holders of annual permits to determine shower utilization rates. This information could help with guidance in determining if the shower feature needs to be retained. I think it is most important to focus on the ramp features before expanding to aspects that may not be within the preview of the Port Authority.

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