

Annual Membership Meeting Marina Committee Report 7/8/2023

The Marina Committee met in August, October, November and December in 2022. We met in January, May and June in 2023. The committee members are made up of several marina slip renters.

The Marina/launch Project: The permit for construction was submitted on June 6th, 2023. As per Mason County permit specialist, Genie McFarland, 7/6/23, our permit has been routed and could be approved in the next 2 weeks. At that time we will be required to pay for the permit based on our construction (verbal only) estimates. We are not required to provide the contractors or the bids for construction.

As per my conversation with Fish and Wildlife representative, Brian Blossom, 7/6/23, the “fish window” has been revised from June 1 to September 30, and expires in 2025.

The Corp of Engineers (JARPA application submitted June 29, 2021) are reviewing our permit so we cannot do any work near the water until approval. The application is not complex enough for a site visit so will be reviewed at the desk level, according to Samantha Stanford, Project manager, Biologist. The Corps permit decision is considered a Federal action that must comply with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The ESA is administered by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). NMFS has ESA jurisdiction over salmon, other marine fish, marine mammals, and marine reptiles. USFWS has ESA jurisdiction over birds, terrestrial animals, plants, amphibians, and most freshwater fish. Under Section 7 of the ESA, the Seattle District Corps must consult with the NMFS and the USFWS on its permit program on any permit application for proposed work which may affect threatened or endangered species, or their designated critical habitat. In addition to fish, other threatened and endangered plants and animals occur in various areas of the state. Under the Corps' Federal permit program, permit applications must be reviewed for the potential impact on threatened and endangered species pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA. In the past few years, NMFS is requiring epoxy coated pilings instead of galvanized, which is very expensive.

The committee requested new bids for the project in May 2023. Contractors responding are: Marine Floats (docks), Quigg Brothers (launch), Lakeshore Construction (docks), Shear Construction (launch) and Mitchell Lumber (docks, still need their bid). After receiving bids, the committee, at the June 14th committee meeting, decided to try and do as much of the labor ourselves, such as; demolition of the launch retaining wall, land grading, concrete for ADA access and ramp, mitigation planting along east side of the launch, dock demolition, and anything else we can do with volunteers. Most of the cost for the project will be materials. The committee will meet again, after all bids are received, and submit our recommendation to the board for approval.

Marina/launch financing: The PSA board rejected the recommendation, from the committee, to assess each owner for replacing the marina. At this time, six investors have committed to \$50,000 each (6) at 5% interest for a 10-12 year payback. The board approved investing into CD's beginning in January 2023 and reinvest as they mature. Several have been reinvested and will mature again in July, September and October 2023. Moorage slips (full time/day slips) rented as of June 30, 2023, is \$37,200. Cinco de Mayo fundraiser netted \$268.00.

Marina reserve: \$70,634.66

Interest from CD's as of June 30, 2023: \$2,319.49

Park reserve: \$17,708.25

General savings: \$28,659.83

Park CD's as of June 30th, 2023: \$1,571.92

Next fundraisers planned:

September 2nd, 5pm Spaghetti Feed w/band

You can read the marina committee minutes of the last meetings on the web site for more detail. The next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted by
Marina chair, Velinda Brown