

June 21, 2010

Ms. Lisa Kaufman  
Restoration Manager  
Orca Straights Aquatic District  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 47000  
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Subject: Port Ludlow Village Council Preliminary Proposal

Dear Ms. Kaufman:

Elements of the PLVC have recently submitted a "preliminary proposal" to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and to the Jefferson County Commissioners recommending the removal of the historic pilings in Port Ludlow Bay. In this document, the following statements are made:

"Many Port Ludlow residents see the pilings as an unnatural and unnecessary invasion of the open water on the bay...they are often considered a detriment to the community. The general opinion is that they are an eyesore."

We the undersigned object to these unfounded assertions. Neither the PLVC nor any other body has made any effort of any kind or scope to poll the community on this matter, and there is no basis whatsoever to claim any majority consensus or "general opinion" concerning the pilings. On the contrary, while some Port Ludlow residents may favor the removal of the pilings, others would prefer that they remain for historic, scenic and environmental reasons. At this time, there has been no attempt to determine which of these viewpoints represents the feelings of the majority.

Until the will of the community is determined by a valid open plebiscite, we respectfully request that no decision be made in this matter, nor any action taken, and that no further baseless and irresponsible claims alleging to an unestablished "general opinion" be made.

Thank you for your attention to the one hundred nine Port Ludlow residents listed below.

Lewis, Ernest & Marti	Lumsden, David & Glorina	Satterlee, Tom
Patterson, Patty	Krueger, Dr. Carroll & Terilyn	Allen, Terry
Bradshaw, Vaughn	Gronhovd, Richard & Darlene	Cooper, Don & Betty
Darrow, Dan & Esther	Buckley, Robert & Therese	Zalaha, Jack & Lorna
Thompson, Gene & Gennie	Hudson, Bruce & Marilyn	Eden Feterly
Sharp, Jack & Lou	Corington, Robert & Patricia	Norris, Linda
Thomas, Nate & Jean	Garrett, Don & Gina	Lalish, Paula
Reed, Maribeth Meixner	Courtie, Cathy	Pierce, Dick
Mahler, Bill & Susan	McDonald, Dr. Connie	Eng, John
Horner, Karl & Jean	Crawford, Ken & Gloria	Funke, Bill & Diggy

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Clancy, David & Nancy  
Wright, Dorothy & Allen  
Archung, Ralph & Judy  
Trenery, Harry  
Duncan, Marty & Bob  
Piper, Jack & Marlowe Piper  
Brockett, Elsie  
Bennett, Nancy  
Walker, Don  
Brannaman, Jim & Mary  
Gray, Evenly  
Elgin, Marilyn  
Holtz, Donovan  
Gray, Evelyn

Baillargeon, Gary & Pam  
Crawford, Ken & Gloria  
Trenery, Harry  
Smith, Pete & Betty  
Briscoe, Carol & Gordon  
Albus, Tom & Phyllis  
Neil, Kathy  
Monroe, Kim  
Derrig, Mike  
Schneider, Dick & Nancy  
Melnick, Steve  
Hebert, Pat  
Schroeder, Veronica  
Traci, Kathy

Jack Riggins  
West, Hank & Val  
Gilligan, Eileen  
Levine, Marty & Julia  
Marley, Jack  
Sorenson, Sharon  
Sutherland, Victoria  
Krausman, Joe & Louise  
Warner, Madeleine & George  
Maloof, Steve & Trudy  
Baker, Don  
Wall, Bill & Mary  
Gormly, Margie  
Gleason, Traute & Gene

cc: Jefferson County Commissioners  
Port Ludlow Village Council

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Jefferson County Board of Commissioners  
1820 Jefferson Street  
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Port Townsend, WA 98368

Attention: David W Sullivan, Chairman

Subject: Application to DNR for Removal of Creosote Pilings from Port Ludlow Bay

Dear Sir:

Your letter to the Department of Natural Resources along with Port Ludlow Village Council's Proposal have come to the attention of many of the residents in Port Ludlow and we are most interested in any material that backs up the statement made in your letter of support to DNR that "Removal of these toxic, creosote pilings would benefit not only marine life, but also birds and people who may be exposed to the creosote vapors".

What vapors and how benefited? Removal and disturbance of creosote pilings and the relating sea bed would unequivocally have a killing effect on the wonderfully diverse and abundant communities of organism that have called these pilings home for close to a hundred years. Loss of these historic pilings would destroy the resting spots for eagles, osprey, herons, cormorants, gulls, king fishers and sea gulls.

PLVC suggested in their proposal that the bay is pristine; it has been for many years with the pilings present so why would it become more pristine by removal of the pilings. PLVC also suggests that the pilings are an eyesore. To whom? Other than the residents of Port Ludlow Condominiums #1 & 2, (unanimously in favor of not disturbing the pilings) this alleged "eyesore" would have to be viewed with the aid of a telescope.

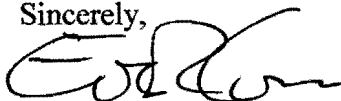
The statement in your letter that removal of the pilings would increase open water and reduce navigational hazards does not take into account that the water where most of the pilings are is too shallow for most of the boats that come into our bay, even at high tides. As a boater, I view these pilings as excellent navigational warnings of shallow waters.

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I would like to draw your attention to the statement the Port Ludlow Village Council makes on page 3 of their proposal that "ALL property owners elect the Council's board of directors to represent the entire community". This is not true. Many Port Ludlow residents chose to belong to the PLVC; many chose not to belong. Membership is voluntary.

Finally, I would suggest to Department of Natural Resources, and do so by a carbon copy of this letter, that if the department wants to proceed with the removal and disturbance of the creosote pilings in the bay and the relating sea bed, a Port Ludlow specific Environmental Impact Statement should be demanded, possibly paid for by Port Ludlow Village Council, to address how such removal may add additional contaminates to the bay. If an EIS has recently been completed, a copy should be submitted to the entire Port Ludlow community for review and the appropriate public hearings held to discuss the issue.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Department of Natural Resources  
Port Ludlow Village Council