



Inside news from your Port of Anacortes

A monthly newsletter from your Port of Anacortes

June 2007

Calendar of Events June 2007

Thursday, June 7
Regular Commission Meeting
7 p.m.
Commission Meeting Room
1st and Commercial Avenue

Thursday, June 21
Regular Commission Meeting
4 p.m.
Commission Meeting Room
1st and Commercial Avenue

Port will restore contaminated properties

For several years the Port of Anacortes has been working with the Washington State Department of Ecology to clean up contamination at Port-owned properties.

In 2006, in conjunction with Gov. Gregoire's Puget Sound Initiative, the Port began coordination of its clean up, habitat restoration, and economic redevelopment activities. Over the next several years the Port will remove toxins from the local marine environment, restore habitat, create new shoreline access, and help create new family-wage jobs.

The first site scheduled for clean up is the Cap Sante Marine lease area just north of the new boat launch. In the early 1980s, petroleum product seeped into the marina waters as a result of leaks from underground fuel tanks and supply lines that serviced the fuel float. Although the tanks and lines were replaced, contaminated soil is still present in the area. The clean up work will remove the soil and eliminate potential
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BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL. One of the highlights of the annual Anacortes Waterfront Kickoff Dinner at the Port of Anacortes warehouse was the unveiling of a new outdoor mural by local artist and historian Bill Mitchell (left). Assisting with the unveiling were Port of Anacortes Commissioner Keith Rubin and Chamber of Commerce President Vince Oliver. On stage is Chamber Director Mitch Everton.

Port Perspectives

Volunteers contribute to marina planning

Our Marina Comprehensive Plan process is moving along with a full head of steam. We have just completed the "Comparison" phase as we toured other regional public marinas to see what the competition had to offer. I am glad to say that we stack up pretty well! However, with the help of com-



Bob Hyde,
Executive Director

munity volunteers, we plan to make this marina even better!
Needs identified thus far include more amenities for small boats and sailing, a community-focused maritime training center, improved public access, and retention of a blend of fishing, commercial, and recreational moorage.
Thanks to our dedicated and focused committees, I know that the end product will be outstanding. Our committees are:

Steering Committee
Bob Elsner
Marc Estvold
Cynthia Richardson
Bill Turner
Laura Hennessey
Spencer Swain
John Pope

Kirk Kennedy
Christy Gabrielse
Bill Mitchell
Gary Robinson

Marina Committee

Dale Fowler
Connie Thoman
Erica Pickett
Bob Pickett
Bob Hall
Pat Barrett
Tony Bull
Lyndon Greene
Fred Smith

Graeme Wilson
Paul Dinnel
John Firlotte
Beth Bell
Rey Rubaclava
Ross Barnes
Steve Orsini
Burt Sawade

P.S. I am pleased to report our "Inside the Port" newsletter received accolades at the most recent meeting of the Washington Public Ports Association (WPPA).

Bob Hyde

Waterfront Festival celebrates maritime heritage



Commissioner Steve Hopley, staff member Connie Thoman, Harbormaster Dale Fowler.



Port Director Bob Hyde acknowledges contributors to the C&D Dock Replacement Project.



Salmon "mascot" under Big Tent.



Don Wick (EDASC director), Dave Longdale (DCI), Dick Nelson (DCI) and architect Ron Smith.



Among those at the festival kickoff dinner were Chamber Director Mitch Everton (center) and Mayor Dean Maxwell (back).



POA warehouse decorated for kickoff dinner.

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mitch Everton said: "On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to thank Bob Hyde, Dale Fowler, and the Port staff for their key support in staging this year's Waterfront Festival. I appreciate the Port's willingness to provide needed resources, and especially the "can do" attitude. The Port is a partner in every sense of the word in making this annual event available to our community and in celebrating our marine heritage. We look forward to an even better (hopefully drier!) Festival in 2008."

Port will restore...

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environmental threats.

Some excavation along the bank below the high water line will be necessary to remove the soil, yet this work also provides an opportunity for habitat enhancement along the shoreline up to the Central Pier.

Habitat improvements will include placing suitable substrate materials and plantings in coordination with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Ecology. Work will begin this September and will take approximately two months.

During the cleanup, extreme care will be taken to prevent toxic materials from entering the water. Some access will be temporarily restricted for public safety reasons, and pedestrians will be safely routed around the work area.

Airport cleanup



Contributing recently to beautification of the Anacortes Airport were litter collectors Gunnar Gillman (left) and Nick Atkinson. The teens donated their time picking up garbage along the airport fence line to raise money for Young Life summer camp.

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