

Public Comment South Sound CAMP Project
Stage 2 - Exploring Alternative Approaches
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HALEY PROPERTY

- H2O park (exclusively)
- Boater/water liability Cutts Island
- Washington Water Trails Association (WWTA) would be interested in including the Haley Property in the Cascade Marine Trail (CMT) System
- Natural Area Alternative on page 28 (*Building Regional Heritage and Community Alternative*). Keep Natural with trails. Talk to local park district.
- In favor of equestrian trail system in uplands. Concerned about surplus of it or more intense development. Like water trail campsite at beach, and estuary classified as Natural area.

JOEMMA BEACH

- Best use is *Regional Heritage*. Concessions allowed is an asset.
- Campsite improvement, Add cabins, Aquatic Concessions, Partner re Y & shellfish areas.
- Tacoma schools is in process of surplus
- Has anyone considered yurts? They are less invasive than cabins.
- Like Pages 22, 23, and 24 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternative, Building Regional Heritage and Community Alternative, and Promoting Sustainability and Stewardship Alternative*). Keep Natural, but allow limited equestrian access. Cabins have problems with maintenance.
- Joemma Beach, very open to waves, move uplands development as opposed to boating access.

PENROSE POINT

- Kayak rentals at several sites! All parks
- Have a real contact station at park entrance
- Alternate on page 17 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternative*) preferred. Should remain Natural/Camping. Really don't need cabins. Don't expand intensive use area.
- *Sustainability & Stewardship* removes too much from public use.
- ADA compliance, Co-op agents with landowners along adjacent shoreline. Protect natural areas.

KOPACHUCK

- Connection with shoreline master plan is missing. Very important, this area is "natural" in latest plan.
- Lots of color covers water that is never dry tidelands. Very misleading when looking at usage percent. Pictures are at low tide showing the most optimistic use of land during low tide. Very often tides are high when people visit park. A model that shows percent time may be great.
- ADA friendly, group area, amphitheater, outdoor cooking facility, cabins, measured fitness trails, buoys, dive showers

- Definitely don't like Farmers Market idea. Too commercial. The occasional art show, etc would be attention getters without jamming up the facility on a regular basis.
- Stewardship Kopachuck the Natural area seems to cover the access road. How would access restored?
- Outdoor district. Where is the land that PenMet has east of school.
- Like *Parks for Everyone* alternative best without the campground loop
- Puget Sound is a very unique and fragile marine environment. Be very sure to bring in marine specialists when opening up the areas adjacent to the sound.
- Shelter for outdoor education would be great. Harbor Wild watch would love this.
- #2 (*Parks for Everyone Alternative*) No organized or commercial kayak tours to Cutts Island. Island is too fragile.
- #2 (*Parks for Everyone Alternative*) Additional campground not needed.
- Figure 5 (*Promoting Sustainability and Stewardship Alternative*) OK
- Please build in boating speed limits if kayaking and boating are in the same waters. People are not always polite! All Parks.
- Fishing facilities for kids and adults!
- #3 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternative*) fitness trail is good
- On-line questionnaire great idea!
- Various concession stands would these be moneymakers for the parks? For all the parks?
- #3 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternative*) Cutts Island Natural is good
- *Parks for Everyone* Change Cutts Island – uplands to Natural, keep rest of Cutts Recreation Resource. Add dive/beach shower near access point. Future camping to have utilities.
- #4 (*Building Regional Heritage and Community Alternative*) Farmers Market not wanted.
- There are enough playgrounds and recreational fields in Gig Harbor. Old growth forest like Kopuchuck should be protected.
- I like outdoor play model with addition of elements from regional heritage ie: farmers market, utilities to campground, etc.
- Develop one, publish capital improvement priority list.
- *Parks for Everyone* – best alternative. New campground a good idea, greater draw. Amphitheater good idea.
- Improvement of shelter, enlargement, etc. Good idea
- All stewardship plans are too restrictive.
- Better beach access necessary for any model, permanent stairs, ramps, etc.
- Fig 2 (*Parks for Everyone Alternative*) Amphitheater near shelter might work.
- Fig 2 (*Parks for Everyone Alternative*) My favorite overall plan with a few comments
- #3 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternatives*) Fishing pier NO, keep schools separate.

- #4 (*Building Regional Heritage and Community Alternative*) Limit utilities in campground to 4 to 6 spaces.
- Love the cabins idea. I would use them as guesthouses.
- ADA access to beach, Picnic shelters Facilities improvements, Improve trail system in south parcel, Protections for Cutts Island, Cabins in south parcel. Protect natural areas.
- #5 (*Promoting Sustainability and Stewardship Alternative*) Combine classroom/interpretive center and large shelter.
- Add more educational signs through parks.
- Effect of more water use on natural life. Boats, etc. All parks
- Develop on-line survey for each park and tie to on-line page.
- Fig 2 (*Parks for Everyone Alternative*) protect shoreline resources and fragility of the ecosystems.
- New campground loop should be equipped with hook-ups. Limited to 4 – 6 sites, maybe 8 at most. Cabins would be better.
- Keep it natural and not too built up. All parks.
- Leave campground as is. Too expensive to add utilities. Large RV's can not navigate campground in it's present configuration. Too expensive to remodel for RV access.
- An amphitheater would severely disrupt the solitude and nature of Kopachuck Park.
- #3 (*Outdoor Activity and Play Alternative*) Protect the environment. Limit use. Low intensity (eg kayaks) would be best.
- Authority to keep out teens with drugs, loud, fast driving cars, etc. All parks.
- How to watch/control vandalism in restrooms and food areas. All parks.
- Campground needs utilities!
- #5 (*Promoting Sustainability and Stewardship Alternative*) Add ADA improvements first including beach access and bus stop. This is a nice plan. Limit utilities to 4-6 sites.
- Kopachuck, more buoys for boaters.

EAGLE ISLAND

- Allow low impact (leave no trace) camping on Eagle Island, no toilet needed.
- Recreation facilities on Eagle Island would bring more people. That would be very disturbing to the seals and their pups that live on the beach at Eagle Island.

HARSTINE ISLAND

- No dogs. (Large fines, i.e. \$500) on Harstine Island, McMicken or Scott pollution of shellfish, noise, chase wildlife.
- Develop database of water quality, biology of marine life, etc. At many point to detect adverse changes.

SCOTT PROPERTY

- Kayaking, and canoeing are becoming increasingly popular. Maybe provide more campsites on the Cascade trail system. McMicken/Scott Property/Eagle.

- Upland access to Scott property should be developed for foot traffic only. Also limited parking on site.

JARRELL COVE

- As you develop the marine parks more, consider more use of marine park boating hosts.
- Kayak rentals sounds sexy, but have you investigated the feasibility/profitability of this venture?
- Add and advertise long-term parking for hand-launched excursions (and make some money).
- We operate a sailing club and charter business out of Olympia. Our customers like the unspoiled feeling of the nearby parks. Too much development would change that attraction.
- How is sustainability of the State Parks budget factored into each plan?

HOPE ISLAND

- Allow dogs on this island. Boaters with dogs can not go to this area, or boaters go and ignore the rules. Please consider changing this rule.
- Protect well on Hope
- Keep changes to a minimum. We like it the way it is.
- A couple of more buoys would be nice.

MARINE ISLANDS

- Love the idea of marine park system, consistent facilities in south sound.
- Boaters need more dock space in south Puget Sound.
- Good shell fishing is highly desirable. All beaches should be protected and enhanced where possible.
- Squaxin Island State Park is the most desirable destination facility for south sound boaters.
- Good saltwater moorage is generally needed and plans for this need to be incorporated into most parks where boaters are identified as users such as Hope, Eagle, Stretch and McMicken.
- Boaters need additional pumpout station in south Puget Sound to keep waterways cleaner.
- More pump outs in south Puget Sound
- No dogs on parks, messy, noisy, chase wildlife. People don't always clean up after dogs.
- Map page 3 (*Boating Facilities in South Puget Sound*) Expend map to include Allyn and northern inlets as well as Hemmersly Inlet (w) plus Olympia and Southern inlets, all important access points.
- More buoys needed for boats in South Puget Sound.
- Pages 52, 53, 54, 55 (*Parks for Everyone Marine Islands Less Developed Sites, More Developed Sites; Building Regional Heritage and Community, Marine Island Less Developed Sites, and More Developed Sites*) Each new site is different, therefore a stack plan will not consider the resources and limitations.