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Dear Sirs:

I write regarding an application to dredge the harbor entrance at Sandy Point west of Ferndale, WA, initially submitted by Vic Unick in April of this year. I have already spent hundreds and will do so again to help make recreational boating practical for my family and our neighbors here. The tax base has grown significantly here over the years in part because of the superb waterside recreational life here.

Please note the attached copy of a photo taken of the harbor entrance in the late 1960's. In those days I used to sail out the entrance of the harbor at ANY TIDE CONDITION. Boating is the passion of many here and home values are above average here in part because of the boating community.

Today the harbor entrance is NOT usable at all tide conditions any more. Years ago the entrance was nearly two hundred feet wide as in the photo. Today the influx of the gravel has made the entrance dangerous in all but high slack tide condltions which makes the entrance viable for only about an hour in daylight hours.

Soon the entrance will be further choked, and gradually the boating scene will diminish and gradually but certainly in the next five years home values will decline. Just as people in Bellingham love its environment and the good schools, Sandy Point and Neptune Beach folks want to preserve their maritime community. As it is, soon a sailboat will not be able to clear the harbor entrance at any tide.

That is why many of us here wish to pay for a dredging company to come in and responsibly remove the gravel invasion. Please grant us the permit so we can secure our homes and lifestyle.

Sincerely,



Hugh Foulke

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Sandy Point Shores

